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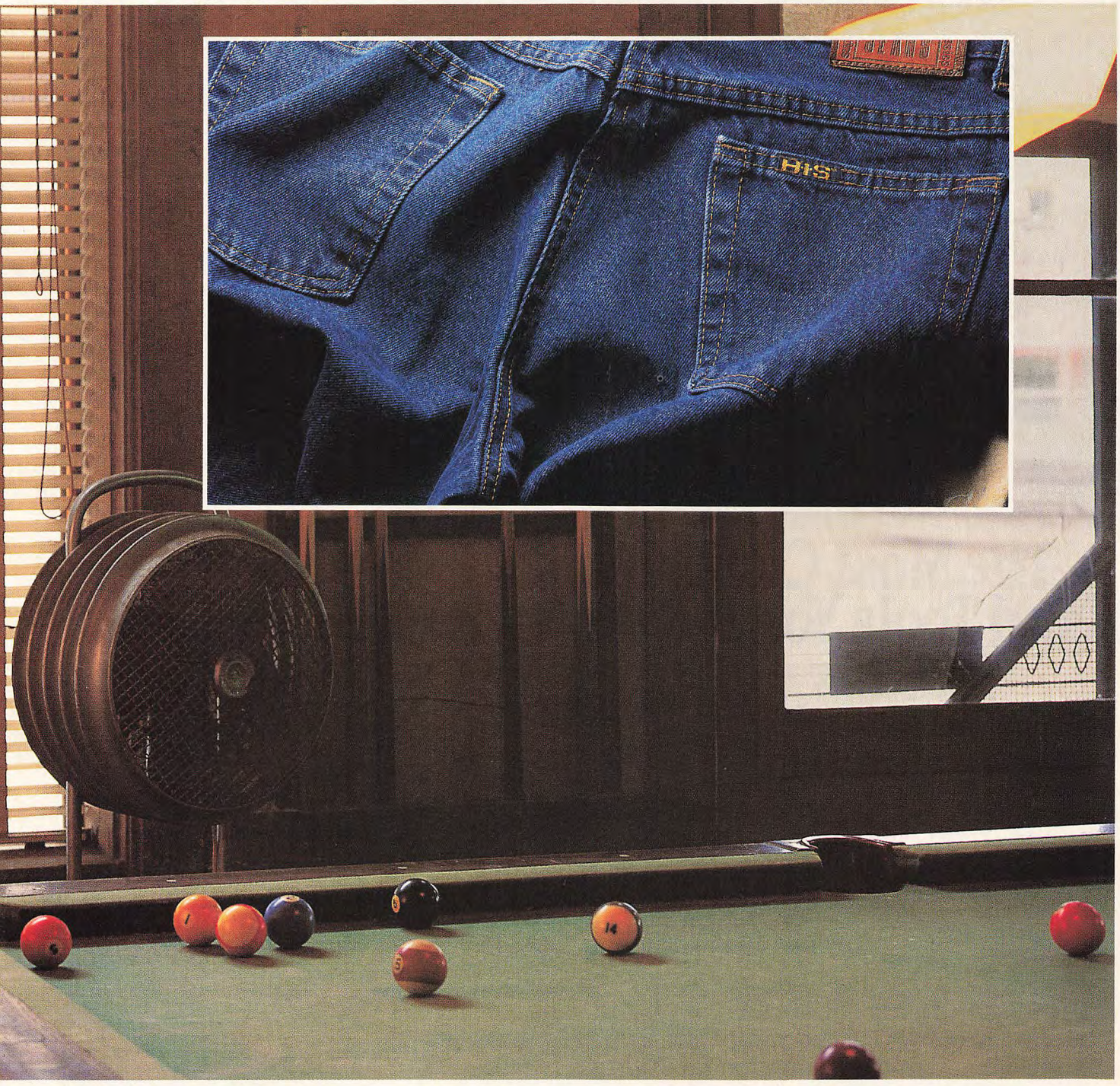
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FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR

The year was 1967. The United States was at war in Southeast Asia. Elvis was king. The Super Bowl was just beginning. And Athlon's *Southeastern Conference Football* magazine debuted on newsstands across the Southeast. Fans no longer had to wait until August to read only one or two paragraphs about their favorite college teams. This magazine introduced in-depth coverage and color action photography on *every* team to hungry football fans, a tradition continued today at *Athlon*. By doing so, this magazine changed the way true football fans view the preseason. *Athlon* established the trend of publishing soon after spring practice ends. Today, most preseason publications have followed *Athlon* and are on sale by early July.

Now it's 1992. We welcome you to *Athlon*'s silver anniversary edition of college football and another year of all the great action. When I listen to talk shows in February and hear fans consumed with recruiting, when I see fans filing into stadiums on autumn afternoons, or when I watch bowl game after bowl game in December and on New Year's Day, I know how important college football is to its fans.

Of course, the game has been a part of Americana for over 100 years. But let's think about what the past 25 years did for this sport.

In 1967 an average of 76,700 fans watched Ohio State in the Horseshoe (Ohio Stadium) in Columbus. That figure, considered low by Ohio State standards, was the highest in the nation. In 1991 seven schools averaged over 78,000 in attendance. Three went over 95,000, led by Michigan with more than 105,000 a game.

Less than 40 games were televised 25 years ago, nationally and regionally combined. That total was surpassed in 1991 before the end of September. Notre Dame appeared on TV only *once* in 1967: The Irish beat Michigan State 24–12. Last year every Notre Dame home game was televised by NBC.

Surges in attendance and TV coverage are not the only changes we've seen in the past 25 years. In 1967 the heaviest consensus All-American was North Carolina State defensive lineman Dennis Byrd, weighing in at 250. Last season there were eight players on The Associated Press All-America team weighing at least 250, three at 300 or more.

College football was still a low-scoring, defensive, ground-control game in '67. The nation's leader in total offense was Sal Olivas of New Mexico State with 2,184 yards; 29 players exceeded that number in '91. The Houston Cougars led the nation offensively with 427.9 yards per game. No fewer than 20 teams topped that total last season. As one would expect, the defensive leader in 1991 finished statistically far behind the top defensive teams in 1967.

Scoring, the bottom line in measuring offense, has increased as well. UTEP led the nation in '67 with an average of 35.9 points. Nine teams bettered that mark in '91, led by Fresno State's 44.2.

Conferences are changing more today than ever. But a quarter of a century ago, the University of Buffalo was listed among major eastern independents. South Carolina finished third in the ACC. And West Virginia (4–0–1) edged East Carolina (4–1) to win the Southern Conference.

In the Intercollegiate Conference (commonly known as the Big Ten), there was a three-way tie for the championship: Indiana, Purdue and Minnesota.

Wyoming was the only major college to finish the regular season unblemished, winning the six-team WAC over Arizona State. The Cowboys didn't survive their bowl game, though; they lost to LSU in the Sugar Bowl.

Oregon State tied UCLA for second in the Athletic Association of Western Universities (a.k.a. the Pac-8). The Beavers handed national champion Southern California its only setback 3–0.

Other oddities by 1992 standards: Nebraska lost to Kansas and Missouri. UCLA defeated both Pittsburgh and Penn State but lost to Syracuse. Purdue beat Texas A&M, Ohio State and Notre Dame by a combined 93–47.

A different portrait of college football emerges today from two and a half decades ago. The players are bigger, stronger and faster. Stadiums are larger. Television dictates schedules and game times.

But no matter how the picture looks to the fans, *Athlon* continues to be a leader in previewing college football year after year. Our regional magazines are unequaled. For 25 years we have given our readers the best in photography along with stories by some of the best sportswriters in America.

In 1992, our silver anniversary year, we have gone further than ever to give readers the best in football coverage. As the game changes, so do we. We have expanded our recruiting coverage nationally and regionally. We have presented the top 250 incoming freshmen across the country. In addition, we've highlighted the top recruits in each region. There is an expanded roster and data section for each team. Changes include depth charts, bigger rosters, returning leaders and biographies of the signees.

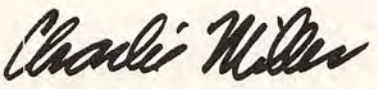
Other differences are additional schedules to include all division I-A and I-AA schools. Bright team colors not only have enhanced the appearance of our magazines but also have made it easier to find your favorite team.

This year our editor, George Leonard, has added a story on the greatest players of all time to the nostalgic features he has written for *Athlon* since 1987. His selection of the 11 best players in collegiate history is sure to spark debate.

Bill Walsh returns as Stanford's head coach after winning three Super Bowls with the San Francisco 49ers. We'll explain his decision and thoughts on his return to the college ranks. Our annual Great Rivalries story features the Miami-Florida State rivalry, which usually carries national championship implications. Joe Paterno, who in 1967 was in his second year as head coach at Penn State, offers advice to college presidents regarding college football's future. Perhaps the legendary coach's ideas can help make the next 25 years even better.

On the conference-prediction pages in each of the eight regional magazines, you'll find a minihistory of what happened in that particular league in 1967. And we've also chosen a Silver Anniversary All-America team.

All of us at *Athlon* are aware of our opportunity and responsibility to the fans of college football as our magazine embarks on a second 25-year period. We invite all of you to join us to see where the next 25 years takes this game. ■



Athlon's Silver Anniversary All-America

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WR	Jerry Rice	Miss. Valley St.	6-2	200	1981-84
T	Bill Fralic	Pittsburgh	6-5	285	1981-84
G	John Hannah	Alabama	6-3	282	1970-72
C	Dave Rimington	Nebraska	6-3	290	1979-82
G	Reggie McKenzie	Michigan	6-4	232	1969-71
T	Tony Mandarich	Michigan St.	6-6	315	1985-88
TE	Keith Jackson	Oklahoma	6-3	248	1984-87
FL	Raghib Ismail	Notre Dame	5-10	175	1988-90
QB	Jim Plunkett	Stanford	6-3	204	1968-70
RB	Tony Dorsett	Pittsburgh	5-11	192	1973-76
RB	O.J. Simpson	Southern Cal	6-2	205	1967-68
K	Tony Franklin	Texas A&M	5-10	170	1975-78

DEFENSE

DL	Ted Hendricks	Miami	6-8	222	1966-68
DL	Reggie White	Tennessee	6-5	265	1980-83
DL	Hugh Green	Pittsburgh	6-2	222	1977-80
DL	Steve Emtman	Washington	6-4	290	1989-91
LB	Lawrence Taylor	North Carolina	6-3	237	1977-80
LB	Jack Ham	Penn State	6-3	212	1968-70
LB	Jerry Robinson	UCLA	6-3	209	1975-78
DB	Deion Sanders	Florida State	6-0	195	1985-88
DB	Kenny Easley	UCLA	6-3	206	1977-80
DB	Ronnie Lott	Southern Cal	6-2	200	1977-80
DB	Jack Tatum	Ohio State	6-0	208	1968-70
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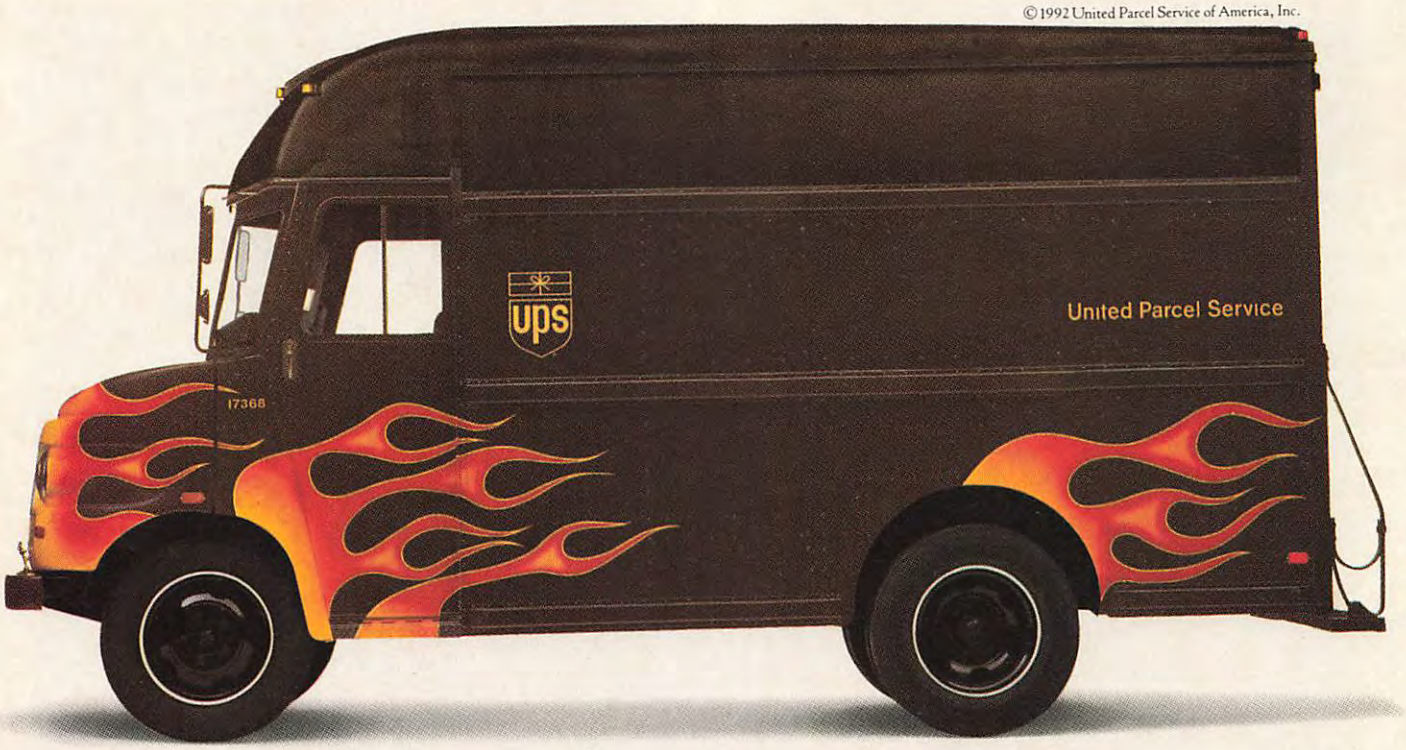
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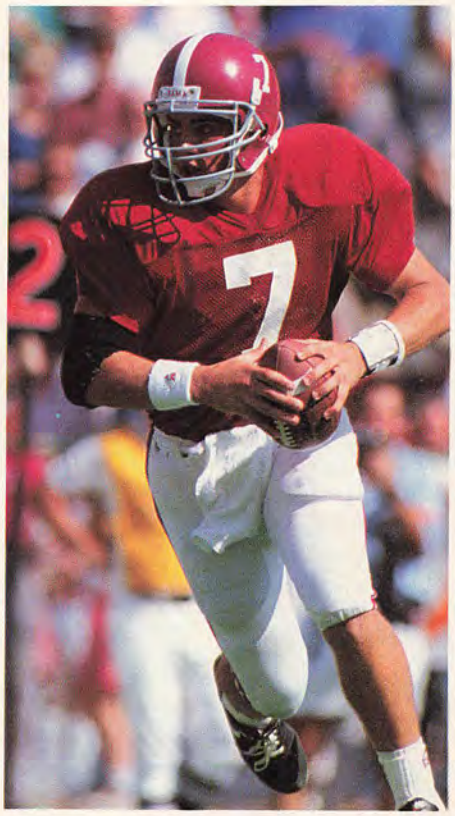
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For a team that made winning ugly an art form in 1991, the Alabama Crimson Tide had one mighty pretty component. Call it the Palmer Method.

That, of course, would be do-everything David Palmer. Alabama's sports information office calls him Pocket Rocket after 1990 Heisman Trophy runner-up Rocket Ismail. Palmer's list of nicknames also includes Super Dave and Franchise, and his teammates call him Deuce because his uniform number is 2. When he drops back for a punt return, Alabama fans have been heard to say, "The Deuce is loose!"

"I'm not really into nicknames," Palmer says. "The band started calling me Deuce and now everybody does. But my name is David Palmer."

Like the Alabama team as a whole, Palmer seemed to come out of nowhere en route to last year's 11–1 record, a 30–25 Blockbuster Bowl victory over Colorado and a No. 5 national ranking.

Palmer, at least, shouldn't have been that much of a surprise. The 5–9, 170-pound sophomore was *The Birmingham News'* Metro Player of the Year in 1990 at Jackson-Olin High School. He rushed for 2,001 yards and 26 touchdowns, and passed for 1,232 yards and 16 touchdowns. Palmer played quarterback, tailback, wide receiver, running back and kick returner. He was named Mr. Football by the Alabama Sportswriters Association. Sometimes Palmer played three positions on consecutive plays.

"My senior year in high school, teams would kick the ball away from me," Palmer said when he arrived in Tuscaloosa. "College teams don't know anything about me. I'm just another face out there."

Not for long. In his rookie campaign, Palmer zoomed around and between opponents like a waterbug. It's difficult to get a good look at someone's face when he doesn't stay in one spot for much more than a microsecond.

All Palmer did as a true freshman, while starting only five games, was set school records by returning three punts for touchdowns—56 yards against Vanderbilt, 69 against Tulane and 90 against LSU, with a 47-yarder against Tennessee-Chattanooga wiped out by a clipping penalty—and piling up 386 punt-return yards. He added a 52-yard punt return for a touchdown in the Blockbuster Bowl.

"There's really no secret to me returning punts for touchdowns," Palmer explains. "When you have great blocking, the result is a touchdown. I guess it helps that I'm small. No one can get a good shot at me."

Palmer also led the Tide in receiving with 17 catches for 314 yards and three touchdowns. He rushed 18 times for 156 yards and returned 10 kickoffs for 257 yards. For good measure, Palmer completed the only pass he threw for a 15-yard gain.

"We've said all along that here's a talented player," coach Gene Stallings says. "Every time he touches the ball I feel that something is going to happen, whether he's receiving, running, returning or at quarterback. He's outstanding—and he has been from day one."

Palmer won the Most Valuable Player award in the Blockbuster Bowl by returning six punts for 74 yards and two kickoffs for 37, rushing six times for 21 yards and catching two passes for 14. One of his receptions was a sensational diving grab of Jay Barker's 5-yard toss that gave Alabama an insurmountable 30–19 lead in the final period.

"Every time he touches the ball I feel that something is going to happen, whether he's receiving, running, returning or at quarterback."

Stallings was equally impressed by a 12-yard gain on a touchdown drive when Palmer lined up at quarterback. Palmer appeared trapped before squirming free, prompting Stallings to say, "Houdini couldn't have gotten out of there."

At the end of last season, all one read or heard was that Alabama was the worst 11–1 team in the country. Before that, the Tide was the worst 10–1 team, the worst 9–1 team and so on. Alabama won its final 10 games of the season, the last six by a total of 29 points. There were three-point wins at LSU and Memphis State, and a punchless 13–6 decision over Auburn. But there isn't a coach in the country who wouldn't take 11 ugly wins every year. More often than not, the Tide was holding on at the end rather than pulling away.

"I think that record is a compliment to our players and our staff," Stallings says. "Here's a football team that wasn't rated at all (in preseason polls) yet finished in the top five. It found a way to win. To see those guys win under those conditions made it that much more fun."

The 11 wins were the most since a legend named Paul "Bear" Bryant coached Alabama to its last national championship in 1979. Stallings actually considered 1991 to be the start of a three-year rebuilding plan. And he still does.

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Diminutive David Palmer was asked to do everything to help Alabama move the ball last season, and he's got an even taller order in 1992.


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"I think we're two years away from being the kind of football team we need to be," Stallings says. "We've got a lot of good young players, and I think they're going to continue to get better, but we need two more good years of recruiting to go with them." (He reportedly had the first one in February.)

Alabama celebrates its 100th football anniversary at a propitious time. The 1992 season should be another successful one. The '91 squad added to a couple of NCAA records: 23 Alabama teams with no more than one loss and 21 with 10 or more wins.

The Tide loses two outstanding running backs in tailback Siran Stacy and fullback Kevin Turner, but the rest of the offense returns. The defense misses standouts in nose guard Robert Stewart, linebackers John Sullins and Steve Webb, and backs Mark McMillian and Stacy Harrison.

Nine starters return on offense, not including Palmer, and six on defense. To make things even brighter, the first six games, four at home, are against Vanderbilt, Southern Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana Tech, South Carolina and Tulane. Only Louisiana Tech had a winning record last year, and four of its eight wins came against Division I-AA opponents.

At the end of the '91 season, a total of 25 freshmen and sophomores figured in the regular rotation.

"Remember, (sophomore) Jay Barker has been our starting quarterback for only four games," Stallings says. "He threw only one touchdown pass during the regular season (three more in the Blockbuster Bowl).

"I was very pleased with his play. That last game will help his confidence. We were not a good passing team last year (1,508 yards and seven touchdowns), but a lot of that was not protecting the quarterback."

Barker is now an established quarterback after his 12-of-16, 154-yard effort against Colorado. However, there is virtually no experience behind him.

"We played well as a unit," Stallings says. "And we ran the ball well—ninth in the nation. We were plus-14 in takeaways-giveaways, third nationally in points allowed (10.7 per game), first in punt returns and 12th in pass defense. If you give up 10 points a game and you are plus-14 on takeaways, you're going to be in every game."

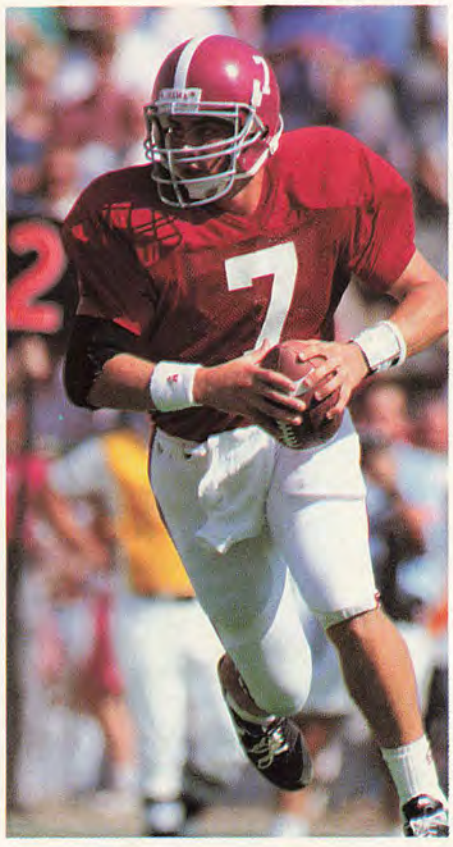
To replace Stacy, one of 'Bama's all-time best, and Turner, Stallings will call on '91 backups: senior tailback Derrick Lassic, who carried only 70 times to Stacy's 200 but had a better per-carry average—5.3 to 4.8—and senior fullback Martin Houston. The early favorite to be No. 2 behind Lassic is sophomore Sherman Williams, the first player in Alabama high school history to rush for 3,000 yards in one season.

In addition to Palmer, the Tide is well-stocked at wide receiver, with last year's starters, senior Prince Wimbley and junior Kevin Lee, perhaps the fastest man on the team. Senior Steve Busky (6–6, 233), the incumbent at tight end, may be pushed by redshirt freshman Tony Johnson (6–4, 240).

Much improvement is expected from the offensive line, which returns intact with junior tackle Matt Hammond (6–3, 266), sophomore tackle Jon Stevenson (6–2, 273), senior guard George Wilson (6–2, 263), junior guard William Barger (6–3, 270) and junior center Tobie Sheils (6–3, 250). If Stevenson moves to guard and stays there, look for junior Roosevelt Patterson (6–4, 290), who split time with him a year ago, at tackle.

Defensively, Alabama has three proven players at end in senior starters John Copeland (6–3, 261) and Eric Curry (6–7, 255), and junior

JAY BARKER



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Jeremy Nunley (6–5, 247). The vacant nose guard job is expected to go to junior backup James Gregory (6–4, 283).

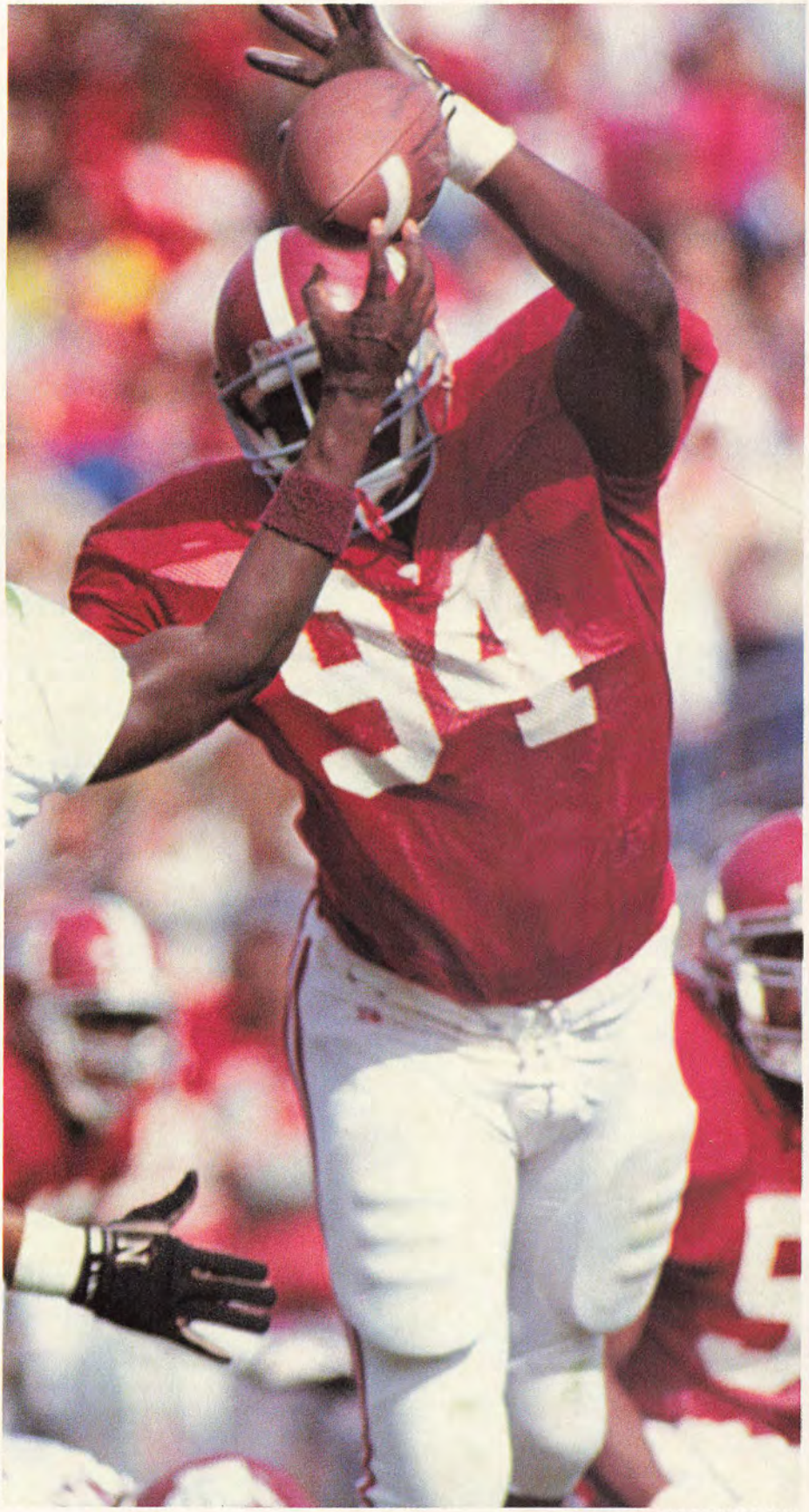
Stallings is concerned about depth at linebacker. The Tide lost two regulars and a couple of backups, but seniors Antonio London (6–3, 228, outside) and Derrick Oden (6–0, 225, inside) are solid. Junior Lemanski Hall (6–1, 220) will start at outside backer after reserve duty there and at strong safety, and sophomore Michael Rogers (6–1, 220) probably will man the other inside spot.

Two starters in the secondary graduated, but proven performers return in All-SEC senior free safety George Teague and junior cornerback Antonio Langham. They ranked 1–2 in the Southeastern Conference with six and five interceptions respectively. Sophomores Sam Shade and Tommy Johnson performed well at cornerback, and junior Chris Donnelly, who played at Vanderbilt in 1989-90, can be used at either safety position.

'Bama returns four veteran placekickers, among them senior Hamp Greene and sophomore Matt Wethington, but the favorite is incoming freshman Michael Proctor. He kicked nine field goals from 50 or more yards in high school, including a state-record 60-yarder.

Stallings says he isn't concerned about the punting despite losing Tank Williamson. Apparently, the job will go to one of two walk-on sophomores, J.J. Adams or Bryne Diehl. Adams has the stronger leg but Diehl is more consistent.

Oh, well, you can't have everything, but Alabama may not be far away. ■



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JOHN COPELAND

Sleepy Robinson doesn't like to be bothered with a lot of details. Like throwing mechanics, for instance.

"I always tell the coaches, if you see me with good mechanics, then look for a poorly thrown ball," says Robinson, Mississippi State's senior quarterback. "But if you see me all clumsy and everything, look for a strike. Coach (Watson) Brown is always telling me, 'Throw it on your fifth step. If you do that, you can time the pattern right.' And I say, 'Coach, I'm just gonna throw it when I see him open.' He goes crazy. He says, 'Sleepy, don't tell me you can't do that.' I say, 'Coach, I *can't* do it.' "

It's hard to argue with Robinson's results. A year ago, as Mississippi State went 7–5 overall and 4–3 in the SEC, Robinson ranked second in the league in passing efficiency and 25th nationally. He completed 77 of 141 passes for 1,167 yards and eight touchdowns. He also led Mississippi State in rushing with 543 yards on 154 carries.

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Many were surprised by Robinson's passing ability. Sleepy (given name: William) wasn't one of them.

"I heard what people used to say: 'Sleepy can't throw. He'll never be a quarterback,' " Robinson says. "I took that as an insult. Of all the quarterbacks who have ever come to State, I had one of the highest completion percentages out of high school. I threw for 22 touchdowns and completed 59 percent of my passes (at Jackson, Miss., Wingfield High School). I think people were looking at my mechanics instead of my statistics."

Robinson spent his first year at Mississippi State as a redshirt on the scout team. "People said it was a big jump from high school to college," he says, "but, honestly, I did the same things in practice I had done in high school: breaking tackles, stuff like that. And that was against our No. 1 defense, so I felt I should be playing somewhere. I even went to the coaches and asked them to move me to wide receiver or defensive back. But they said no."

He seriously thought about transferring. "But I talked to a lot of guys—former State players—and they all told me they went through the same thing. They told me to be patient and to hang in there."

Things didn't get much better the next season. State went 5–6, and Robinson was lost in a comical quarterback shuffle. "Everything was messed up," he says. "I came out of spring the No. 2 quarterback, and Eric Underwood was No. 1. By the end of the year, Tony Shell was No. 1 and I was No. 3. It was a crazy year."

So crazy that Robinson played fullback against Mississippi in the final game of that 1989 season. "Treddis Anderson got hurt, and we were down to one fullback for that game," he recalls. "They asked me to try it."

He did . . . and didn't care for the results.

"I weighed 180 pounds at the time—a 180-pound fullback," Robinson says, able to laugh about it now. "I carried four times for minus-4 yards. We ran the same play four times. Same dude, Kelvin Pritchett, hit me every time, right in the face. I figured I had a lot of making up to do after that game, especially against Ole Miss. I said if I ever got to play again, I'd never have stats like that."

In 1990, Robinson's playing time increased but not by much. He ran the Bulldogs' short-yardage offense and threw four touchdown passes in nine attempts. "I wanted to play more," he says. "I figured if I could move us from the 10-yard line on in, then I could move us from the 20 to the 30, the 30 to the 40 and on down the field. I knew I could play in this league."

Robinson's break came when Jackie Sherrill replaced Rockey Felker as head coach and brought in Brown, who favors a multiple offense featuring option and passing, as offensive coordinator.

"First day Coach Sherrill was here, we had a team meeting, and he asked that the quarterbacks stay afterward," Robinson says. "He just went down the line. He asked Todd (Jordan) what he did best, and Todd said throw. He asked Greg (Plump) and Greg said he could run and throw. When he got to me, I said, 'Coach, I have no idea. I've done so many things since I've been here I'm not sure anymore.' Then he told us that he wanted a guy who could run and throw, and that the position was wide open. I even went to Coach Brown and told him if I wasn't going to get a fair look, then I wanted to move to another position. He assured me everybody was starting out even."

By the season opener, Robinson had won the starting job, and he proved in the Bulldogs' first two games that he was the right choice. He led State to a 47–3 win over Cal State-Fullerton and

MIKE MOORE

Multitalented Sleepy Robinson ranked second in the SEC in passing efficiency and led all conference quarterbacks in rushing with 543 yards.


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a 13–6 victory over favored Texas. Robinson's 35-yard touchdown pass to Anderson was the difference against the Longhorns.

It was also against Texas that Sherrill discovered the toughness of his quarterback. Robinson sustained a sprained ankle just before halftime. "It swelled to about the size of my thigh," Robinson says. But he played the rest of the game, prompting Sherrill to say it was one of the gutsiest performances he'd ever seen.

Toughness has never been a problem for Robinson. He grew up on Idlewild Street, which has the highest murder rate in Jackson.

"Where I lived, you saw drugs being sold the same way you saw grass growing in other neighborhoods," Robinson says. "I had plenty of opportunities to join the gangs, but I want more. I want to go to heaven some day, and I'm quite sure the Lord doesn't agree with the way those people are living their lives. That's why I'm majoring in sociology. I'd like to become a social worker and help some of those young kids back in my old neighborhood."

Robinson was confronted by a gang member on his first day in junior high school.

"I was just walking by and he said, 'What are you looking at?' I kept walking, and he said, 'Hey, you, what are you looking at?' He finally grabbed me and choked me and said he was going to get me. He scared me so bad I decided not to go out for football that year." (Robinson says the bully is now in the state penitentiary on a murder conviction.)

Robinson turned to the band and quickly became the school's first-chair trombonist. But he gave up the band the next year when he found out the girl he had a crush on preferred football players over musicians. Robinson was a three-sport (football, basketball and track) star in high school; he was able to dunk a basketball as early as the ninth grade.

Twice in '91, Robinson earned SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors, which is something he frequently mentions to his teammates.

"I used to always say I would be SEC Player of the Week one time before I left here, and my teammates would always get a big laugh out of that," he says. He is particularly proud that one of those awards came for his play in a 24-9 thrashing of arch-rival Ole Miss.

"Like I said, I felt I owed Ole Miss something after my performance at fullback that year," he says. "Anyway, I felt we had that game wrapped up before the season ever started. And that's the only game I ever got bored in. It was completely boring, too easy. We could've thrown a touchdown pass to Willie Harris just about any time we wanted to. I think that game showed all of us how good we can be when we put all our good athletes in the right positions."

The Liberty Bowl, a 38–15 loss to Air Force, showed the Bulldogs something else: "Not to overlook anybody," Robinson says. "Believe me, this year we'll approach everybody as if they're the San Francisco 49ers. That game taught us a lesson."

But even with all his honors, ask Robinson which games stand out most from last season, and he'll mention losses to Tennessee (26–24) and Alabama (13–7). Robinson believes the Bulldogs should have won both.

"In the fourth quarter at Tennessee, we had third and 2, and instead of running the ball for a first down, I threw an incompletion," he says. "We had to punt and that was the ball game. Then at Alabama, we're sitting third-and-goal at the 1, and one of their players calls out our signals. We jump offside, get moved back to the 6 and never score."

Robinson has many goals for '92, both personal and team.

"I'd like to play at the next level, in the NFL," he says. "For that reason, I still wouldn't mind playing another position. I've always thought it was more fun to catch passes than throw them. But if the team needs me at quarterback, then that's where I'll play. And I remember Don Smith, who played quarterback here then went to the Buffalo Bills in the second round of the draft as a running back. As long as we're winning, it's no big thing.

"We're all looking for good things this season. I'd like to see us win our division and play Florida for the championship. I want Florida. They're the best, and if you beat the best, you're considered the best."

Offensively, State should have enough punch to play with anyone. The Bulldogs lose only one starter (tight end Trenell Edwards) and just 10

of the 48 players listed on last season's final two-deep depth chart.

The line is experienced and huge. Senior Lee Ford (6–0, 280) is the center. Juniors Bill Sartin (6–2, 291) and Shea Bell (6–1, 287) return at the guards, and sophomore Jason Wisner (6–3, 325), a former national junior powerlifting champion, will push for one of those spots. Senior John James (6–3, 294) and junior Michael Montgomery (6–2, 305) are the tackles. James was All-SEC a year ago.

Behind Robinson in the backfield is a blend of power, speed and potential. Senior sprinter Kenny Roberts (69 carries for 439 yards) and junior Karl Williamson (72 for 303) are the tailbacks. Senior William Prince (73 for 429) and bruising sophomore Michael Davis (70 for 435) return at fullback. The entire backfield could get a shakeup, however, if junior college signee Kevin Bouie, a 220-pounder who can run better than a 4.6 40, is as good as advertised.

Harris, a senior who led the Bulldogs with 24 catches for 529 yards and a touchdown, and Tony James (16–258–3) return at wide receiver. Pitt transfer Olanda Truitt could help. Senior Curt Clanton (6–4, 244) should be the tight end.

Brown has hinted that the Bulldogs might use a two-quarterback system, teaming Robinson with Jordan or Plump, and throw the ball about 60 percent of the time. Brown's decision probably depends on the performances of Bouie and Truitt.

Defensively, Mississippi State allowed just 14.2 points per game. Eight starters return. But two of those losses, linebacker Keo Coleman and nose guard Nate Williams, accounted for 206 tackles and nine sacks.

Stepping in to those spots will be junior linebacker Juan Long (6–2, 232) and junior nose guard Arleye Gibson (6–2, 253). Both played considerably last season; Long totaled 35 tackles, Gibson 36.

The defense will revolve around senior inside linebacker Daniel Boyd (6–2, 233), who made 112 tackles and had five sacks, and senior outside linebackers Marc Woodard (6–1, 240) and Keith Joseph (6–1, 233). Joseph was credited with five sacks.

The ends are senior Jerome Brown (6–5, 270) and junior Herman Carroll (6–4, 261). Brown had four sacks and Carroll two as non-starters a year ago.

Junior Kelvin Knight and senior Edward Williams are the cornerbacks. Knight had four interceptions last season. Junior Frankie Luster is the strong safety. His 75 tackles were fourth-best on the team. Sophomore Andre Bennett is heir-apparent at free safety.

Jordan may handle the punting. Senior Chris Gardner, 9 of 14 on field goals and 33 of 35 on extra points, is the placekicker.

But the biggest factor of all might be Sherrill, who took the Bulldogs much further in his first season than most dreamed he could.

"He gave us belief in ourselves," Robinson says. "He never gave us an opportunity to get down on ourselves. And he was always coming up with something to motivate us. Before the Texas game, he gave out little pieces of a cow horn to every player. He said to carry it with us on the field, and whenever we felt ourselves getting tired, rub that horn. I kept mine in my sock, and whenever I got tired, I rubbed it. I don't know why but it seemed to work." ■



MIKE MOORE

KENNY ROBERTS

WILLIE HARRIS



MIKE MOORE

It's "safety first" as Louisiana State University tries to prevent what would be an unprecedented fourth consecutive losing season.

Make that "safeties first," as in free safety Anthony Marshall, who actually is the last line of defense, and strong safety Derriel McCorvey. The secondary and the linebacking corps should be the strengths of the Tigers' defensive unit in Year Two of the Curley Hallman Era.

Since the school fielded its first football team in 1893, the only other three-year string of losing seasons occurred in 1954-56. If you're looking for some good news, or perhaps a precedent to base your hopes on, that earlier stretch was compiled under two head coaches: Gus Tinsley in 1954 and Paul Dietzel in 1955 and '56. Two years later, the Tigers won their only football national championship.

The current skein saw Mike Archer at the helm in 1989-90 and Hallman as the skipper last year, a 5–6 season but one that included near-upsets of highly ranked Florida State and Alabama. In addition, the Tigers held Southeastern Conference champion Florida to 16 points, the only time all year the Gators failed to score at least two touchdowns.

Marshall, a 6–2, 196-pound junior, was LSU's leading tackler as a redshirt freshman in 1990 and the first defensive back to lead the Tigers in tackles since that statistic was first kept in 1962. It's no knock on Marshall to point out that when a defensive back, especially the free safety, leads a team in tackles, something is definitely wrong upfront.

Like the rest of the 1991 Tigers, Marshall started slowly in a revised defensive alignment. He lost his starting position for the opening game but won it back with his play in that contest.

"You take a golfer who shoots below-par golf and you change his grip and his stance, he's not going to play as well the next day," says Steve Davis, who coaches the Tigers' secondary. "The new scheme, the new philosophy, it was different for those guys.

"I believe in teaching the guys rules and techniques. If they follow the rules, an offense can show them a formation or a play that they haven't seen or worked on in practice, and the rules will take care of it. Marshall has matured and disciplined himself to do the little things right. He's one of those guys who can make plays."

It was four games into the 1991 season before LSU stopped an opponent on its first series. On third down, Marshall hammered Florida wide receiver Alonzo Sullivan from behind while breaking up a pass. What followed was some fist-pumping exuberance by Marshall.

"It just comes natural for me," Marshall says of his enthusiastic style. "Most of it is just motivation and being locked into the game. When I make a big play, they (teammates) congratulate me, and when they make a big play I congratulate them. They get me excited about the next play."

McCorvey, a 6–1, 194-pound senior, is one of the top strong safeties in the nation. He comes from a football family—and not just because he is one of 11 children. A brother, Errol, was a starting cornerback last year at Florida State, and a cousin, Woody, is the receivers coach at Alabama.

"Derriel McCorvey loves the game of football," Davis says. "He's enjoying what he's doing. He's a leader for us."

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If McCorvey has leadership ability, it probably comes from his mother, Vera, who held down a job as a social worker while raising her platoon, then went back to high school for her GED, earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of West Florida and a master's degree from Alabama, and at last report was studying for a doctorate in sociology.

"She was the one who stressed academics," McCorvey says. "If we didn't have our grades, she wouldn't let us play sports."

McCorvey also didn't have to search far for discipline. When he was 5, his mother remarried and the family moved from Pensacola, Fla., to Peekskill, N.Y., where he went to a strict parochial school.

"You know how those nuns are; they'd slap you on the wrist for anything," he remembers. "There was plenty of discipline there."

Competition? That, too.

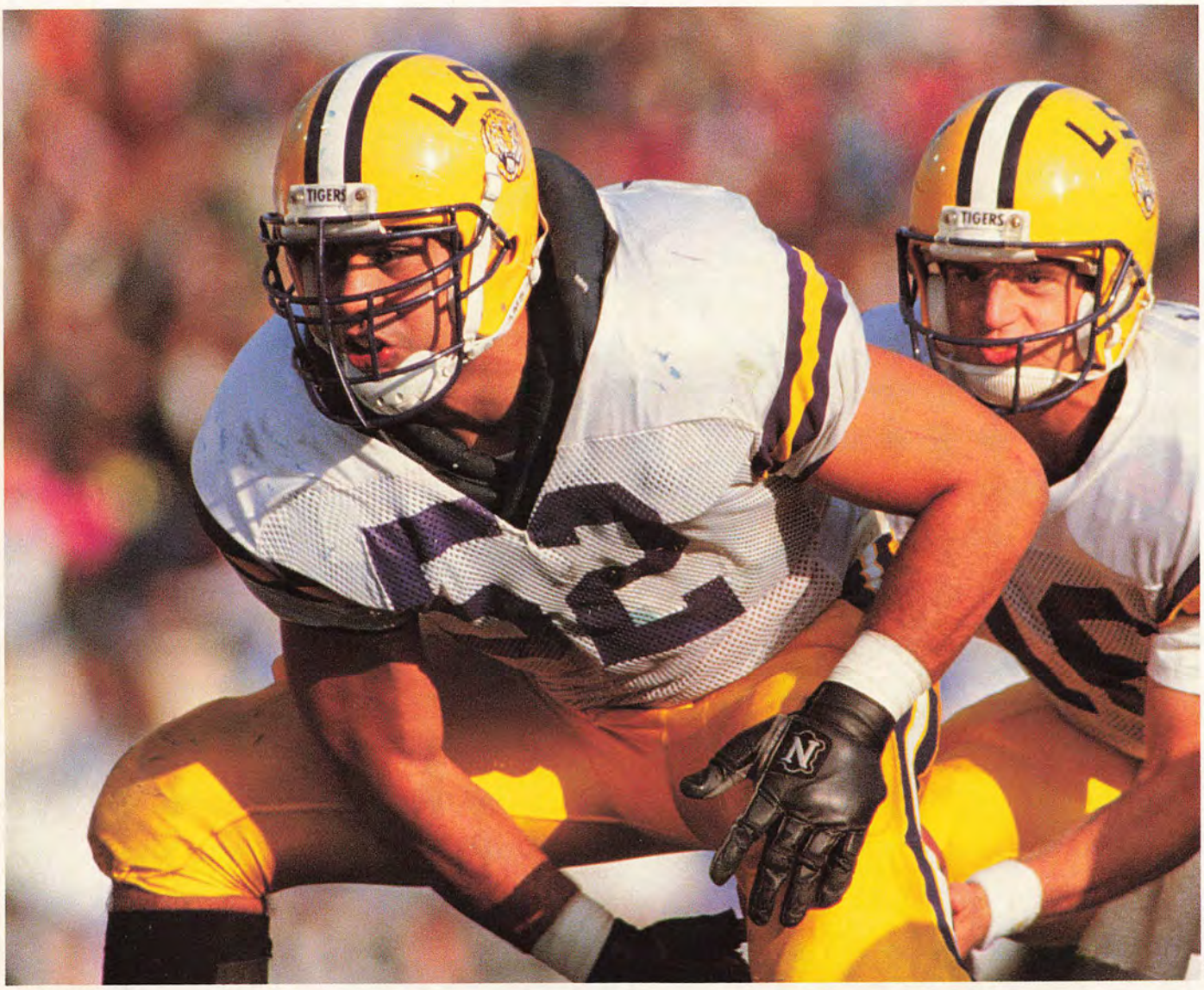
"My stepfather would give $20 to the kid who had the highest grade-point average on their report card," says McCorvey. "Twenty dollars back then was a lot of money. I got it a couple of times, but my sister Carmen got it most of the time. She was real smart."

With McCorvey and Marshall leading the way, a poster circulated around Baton Rouge last year showing six LSU defensive backs dressed in tux-

COURTLAND RICHARDS

Opponents fall under Marshall law when they enter the secondary and meet No. 14, who has totaled 163 tackles his first two seasons.


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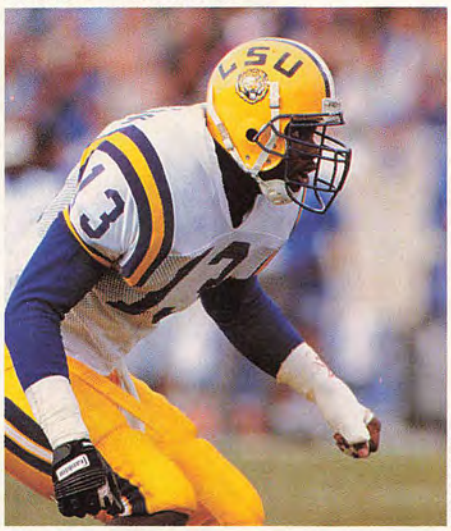
edos eyeing a silver football in a glass case. It was headlined "It Takes a Thief" and referred to the sextet as "The Steal Curtain," a reminder that LSU's secondary led the SEC in pass defense in 1990.

McCorvey, Marshall and senior cornerbacks Ray Adams and Carlton Buckels, who were backups a year ago, return from that group. Marshall was the team's fourth-leading tackler with 73 stops and had four pass deflections and an interception. McCorvey had 43 tackles, two sacks, three deflections and an interception.

The Tigers set a school single-season record last year by returning four interceptions for touchdowns but only two of them were by defensive backs: Buckels and the departed Corey Raymond.

Besides Marshall and McCorvey, the Tigers return four defensive starters and 10 of 11 on offense, where the only loss was a big one: all-

RICARDO WASHINGTON



DWIGHT KING

star split end Todd Kinchen, one of the most exciting players ever to wear the purple and gold.

Inside linebacker has been a problem area for LSU the past several seasons but the Tigers took a step in the right direction last year with the development of junior Ricardo Washington (6–4, 210). A highly versatile athlete, Washington moved to inside linebacker just two weeks before the season opener and finished as the team's third-leading tackler and a big-play maker. Reggie Walker, the Tigers' leading tackler in '91, is gone.

Two true freshmen saw action at the critical inside linebacker position—Robert Deshotel (6–2, 221) and Bobby Williams (6–1, 215)—and their year's experience should help them shore up the middle of the Tigers' defense. Seniors David Walkup (6–1, 222) and Juan Cendoya (6–3, 231) are also in the picture.

Outside linebacker features a couple of poten-

tial all-stars in juniors Roovelroe Swan (6–3, 210), who has been injury-prone, and Mike Hewitt (6–3, 223). Junior Corey White (6–3, 238) started a few games at the end of last season.

The only returning starter upfront is senior tackle Clayton Mouton (6–4, 264). Other returning lettermen include sophomore Nate Miller (6–4, 300) and senior John Morgan (6–5, 270) at tackle, and sophomore nose guard William Crowell (6–0, 259). Coming off redshirt seasons are freshman tackles Robert Thibodeaux (6–3, 239) and Tom Turner (6–5, 258), and senior nose guard Bo Davis (6–1, 282).

Offensively, there are some talented pass-catchers remaining to offset the loss of Kinchen, who also excelled on punt returns. Don't forget that LSU has placed a wide receiver on the All-SEC first team for six straight seasons.

Senior flanker Wesley Jacob, who caught 22 passes for 334 yards and three touchdowns, will be joined by junior split end Scott Ray, who caught only four passes in limited duty but has shown flashes of brilliance. Senior Anthony Williams (6–2, 231) returns at tight end, as does junior Harold Bishop (6–6, 242), who started the first two games before a knee injury ended his season.

New targets for the Tiger quarterbacks could be freshmen: Wide-out Eddie Kennison and tight end David LaFleur (6–6, 260) are a pair of highly touted Louisiana prep stars. LaFleur was voted the nation's best high school lineman by the Atlanta Touchdown Club.

CHAD LOUP



MIKE MOORE

Hallman also uses his backs quite often in the passing game. Senior tailback Vincent Fuller caught 24 passes. Backups Odell Beckham (senior tailback) and Germaine Williams (junior fullback) caught 12 and 11 respectively. Fuller was the starter but Beckham led the Tigers in rushing with 397 yards to Fuller's 341.

LSU went four-deep at tailback last year, and junior James Jacquet and sophomore Gary Pegues also return. The tailback quartet will be joined by high school phenom Robert Davis, who was Mr. Football in Alabama. At Birmingham's Homewood High, Davis rushed 264 times last year for 2,432 yards and a state-record 36 touchdowns. During his career, he also set state records with 6,512 yards and 84 TDs. LSU signed the top running backs in Georgia (Robert Toomer) and Mississippi (Artie Moore) and a good one from Texas (Jay Johnson). Toomer and Johnson may not qualify academically this year, though.

LSU's most unusual recruit may be defensive lineman Tori Workman (6–4, 275). He committed to both LSU and North Carolina prior to signing day. Later, he announced that Wake Forest also was in the picture. Finally, he dropped out of Fork Union Academy in Virginia and signed with LSU.

Returning fullbacks include Williams, junior starter Leo Abel and senior Sammy Seamster.

The Tigers used two sophomore quarterbacks last year, with Chad Loup starting six games and Jesse Daigle five. Loup led the team in passing with 102 completions in 174 attempts for 1,181 yards and nine touchdowns. Daigle was 61 of 119 for 879 yards and five TDs, and his total of 394 yards against Mississippi State was highest in the SEC. Redshirt freshman Ryan Huffman, who impressed coaches in practice with a strong arm, poise and superior running ability, will press for playing time.

The interior line returns en masse, led by junior All-SEC tackle Kevin Mawae (6–4, 244). The other holdovers are senior tackle Bryan Madden (6–3, 278), senior guard Darron Landry (6–3, 260), junior guard Ronnie Simnicht (6–5, 285) and senior center Frank Godfrey (6–4, 251). Six other lettermen are on hand as well.

Back for his third year as placekicker is senior Pedro Suarez, who has proven to be a stable force. He has a strong leg and is consistently true inside 40 yards. Suarez was 13 for 19 last year, with two of his misses from 52 and 55 yards. Punter Brian Griffith is gone and that spot was wide open in the spring.

Unlike last year when LSU played its first two games on the road against Georgia and Texas A&M, this time around the first two will be at home against Texas A&M and Mississippi State, and five more are scheduled for unfriendly (to opponents) Tiger Stadium. ■



ARKANSAS

RAZORBACKS

For the Arkansas Razorbacks, the only certainty is an uncertain 1992.

What they learned in 77 years of playing in the Southwest Conference must be left behind. The ability to play and compete in the Southeastern Conference must be discovered play by play, week by week.

Yet the Razorbacks, from third-year coach Jack Crowe on down, dismiss the notion that they should feel uncertain or unsure. As they look to the future, they steal a glance at their immediate past, shrug and give a look that says, "So what else is new?"

was after Texas scored 29 points on us in the fourth quarter at Austin, and 77,000 people were chanting 'SEC! SEC!' at us," senior nose tackle Owen Kelly says of the 1990 game. "It was like you couldn't go lower."

Though Arkansas officially joined the SEC on Aug. 1, 1991, the football team was allowed to compete in the SWC one more time while schedules played out. This encore was better. The Razorbacks finished 6–5 and earned a berth in the Independence Bowl. They were 5–3 in conference play, including a satisfying 14–13 victory over Texas.

"While our record wasn't satisfying to me personally, this was one of the most enjoyable groups I've ever had. They developed leadership and character and oneness."

It certainly wasn't planned, but Crowe's two seasons could qualify as a three-credit course in stress and crisis management.

After back-to-back Mobil Cotton Bowl appearances, the program was rocked twice by the end of the 1989-90 school year. First, alumnus Ken Hatfield departed for the head-coaching job at Clemson, quickly replaced by Crowe. But the real bombshell came in the summer, when athletic director Frank Broyles announced the change in conference affiliation.

"It was a tough decision, divorcing from a group we'd been associated with for 77 years," Broyles said. "But when we realized that the overwhelming consensus of our fans wanted to move, if for no other reason than a change, we moved speedily.

"It wasn't a money decision. We figured the conference (shared) revenue would increase by no more than 10 to 15 percent when we switched. But we felt that things would be tougher in college athletics going into the 21st century. And we felt that this was an opportunity to be part of a progressive conference that was having unbelievable success in terms of finance, winning and TV exposure. We wanted to see if we could compete. So far we've been more than satisfied."

Crowe has watched the other Arkansas programs put the school in position to win the SEC all-sports trophy. He says he's proud of that. "Arkansas' athletic program is a total team program," the coach says. "There is a lot of pride and kinship mentality."

Still, it got pretty lonely for a depth-depleted football team that stumbled into 1991. After posting a 10–2 record in 1989, the Razorbacks dropped to 3–8 in '90.

"The worst, most degrading feeling in my life

Crowe likes the turn his team made as it prepares for play in the SEC.

"From the day we took over, we've been in a constant state of change," Crowe says. "Sometimes all we've done is manage change. But while our record wasn't satisfying to me personally, this was one of the most enjoyable groups I've ever had. They developed leadership and character and oneness. I don't think anything we'll face in the SEC will be as true a test as the way we picked ourselves up at halftime of the TCU game (down 21–0 at the half, the Hogs rallied for a 22–21 win)."

Crowe's biggest concern is improving the offense. The Razorbacks scored only 14 touchdowns last season.

Crowe hired former Tulane coach Greg Davis, whose teams were known for full-throttle, one-back passing attacks, to complete the transformation of the Arkansas offense from the run-option days of the Hatfield–Lou Holtz era.

"We've been moving in this direction since the day I was hired (as offensive coordinator)," Crowe says. "We haven't recruited an option quarterback in years. But we had gotten to the point in our program where we had to go outside our circle and find someone who had more first-hand experience with such an offense."

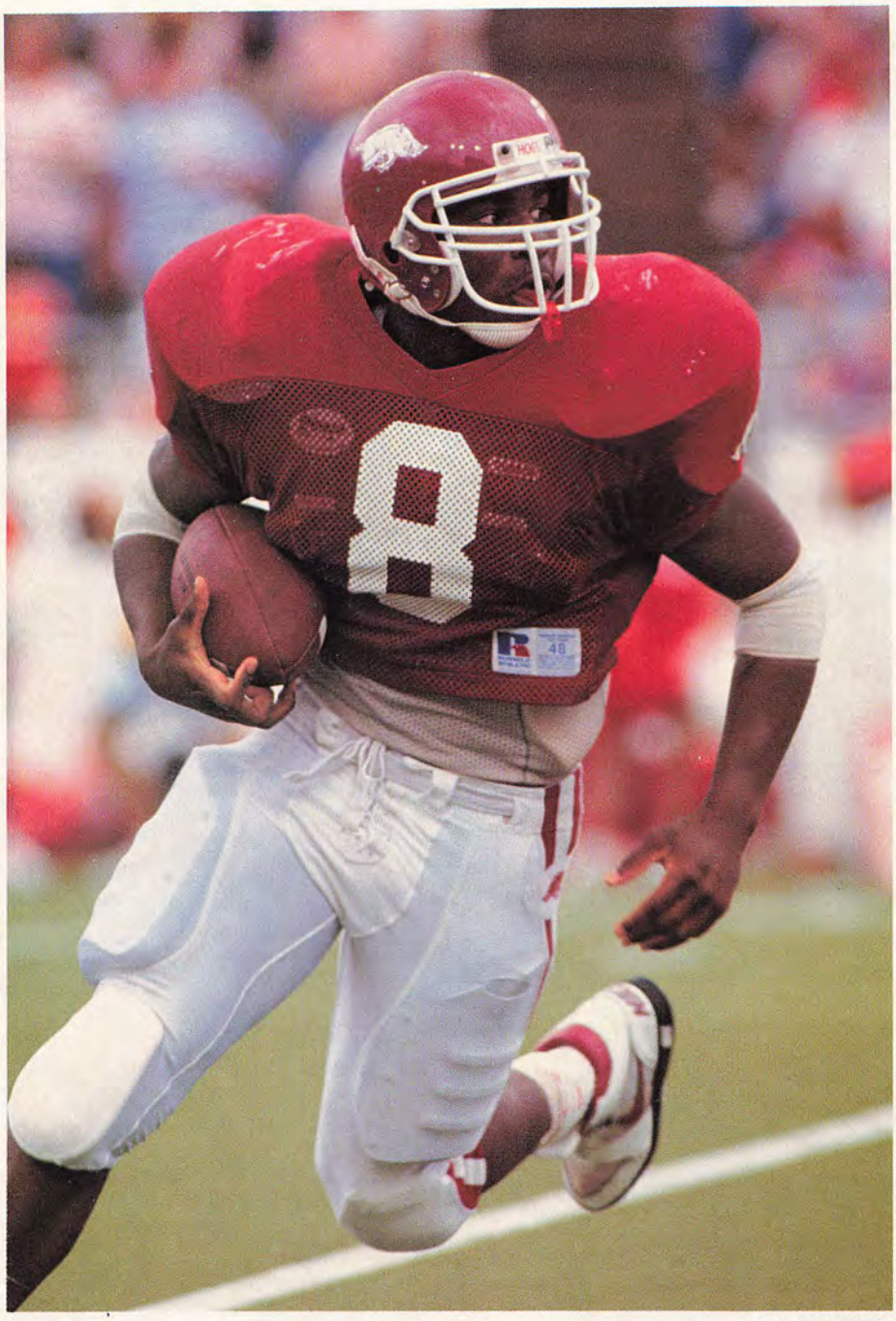
Crowe will have five quarterbacks to choose from. Sophomores Jason Allen and Doyle Preston, and junior Wade Hill will be joined by two highly regarded in-state prospects, Barry Lunney Jr. of Fort Smith Southside and Mike Cherry of Texarkana.

But when spring practice began, only Hill was healthy enough to take full contact. Both Allen and Preston were limited to skeleton work while still recovering from major knee operations. Spring drills were pushed back two weeks

MICHAEL HEBERT

Nose tackle Owen Kelly figures that he and his Arkansas teammates should fit right in with the "smash-mouth" style of play in the SEC.


HOGS
Independence Bowl



BILL THORUP

E.D. JACKSON

to make certain that the pair could participate.

"It's a concern, obviously," Davis says. "But whoever gets the job will have enough work to understand what we are trying to do. And this is just not all passing. I don't want us to lose our ability to play power ball. Look at the Washington Redskins; they play one-back, and yet they show a lot of power."

Still, the thought of the air game returning to Arkansas has to create interesting possibilities. Senior Ronnie Dickerson Jr. and junior Tracy Caldwell make excellent targets. Last year, the two wide-outs combined for 46 of the team's 83 receptions and had five of the eight touchdown catches.

At first, coaches considered playing Dickerson at running back.

"When we went to the wishbone last year, I knew for the good of the team they had to move me to running back," Dickerson says. "But I told them that I felt my best spot was wide receiver. And I still think that, if given the ball, I can show my God-given abilities best (at receiver)."

There is a deep corps of running backs, all with experience. A trio of senior tailbacks—E.D. Jackson, Tony Jeffery and Freddie Bradley—each averaged more than four yards a carry. Junior Chris Kirby and sophomore Carlton Calvin are bruising fullbacks. Sophomore Oscar Gray, a Proposition 48 casualty a year ago, brings a 6-3, 240-pound frame to the position.

A pair of big, experienced guards are the keys to the line: juniors Ray Straschinske (6-4, 280) and Isaac Davis (6-3, 306). Junior Chris Oliver (6-5, 268) is back at right tackle. Crowe hopes that Tommy Jones (6-4, 265) can fill the void left by All-SWC Mark Henry at center. For the other tackle spot, sophomore Bryan Cornish (6-4, 273), last year's long snapper and utility man, likely will battle recruit Steve Mutsaers (6-4, 270), a junior college All-American. Providing depth are sophomores Earl Scott (6-4, 251) and Bobby Harvill (6-3, 240), and redshirt freshmen Tony Nagy (6-5, 260) and Verl Mitchell (6-4, 240).

"We are getting closer to where I'd like to be in terms of depth and the overall team speed you need to compete in the SEC," says Crowe.

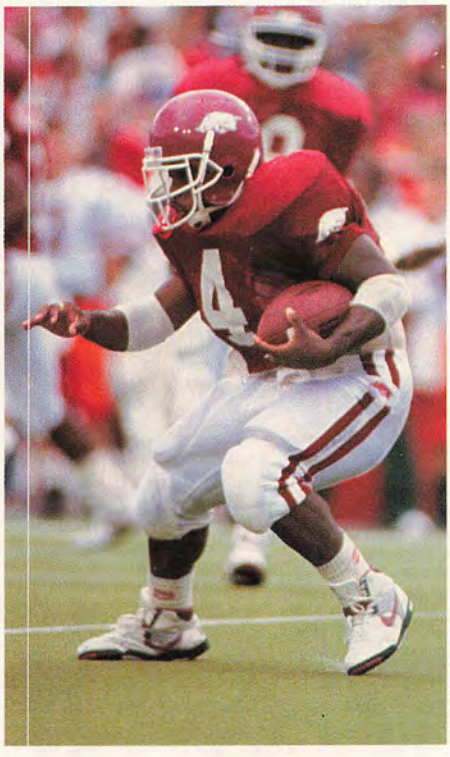
If there is one area where the Hogs seem to stack up, it's on the defensive front. Kelly, a three-year starter and a 3.6 student in premed, is brash about the line.

"You play us, it's gonna hurt," he says. "This is a group that trusts each other. We've been side by side at the Cotton Bowl and when we were 3-3, and we've survived."

The attitude and ability of this group will keep Arkansas steady through the early stages of tran-

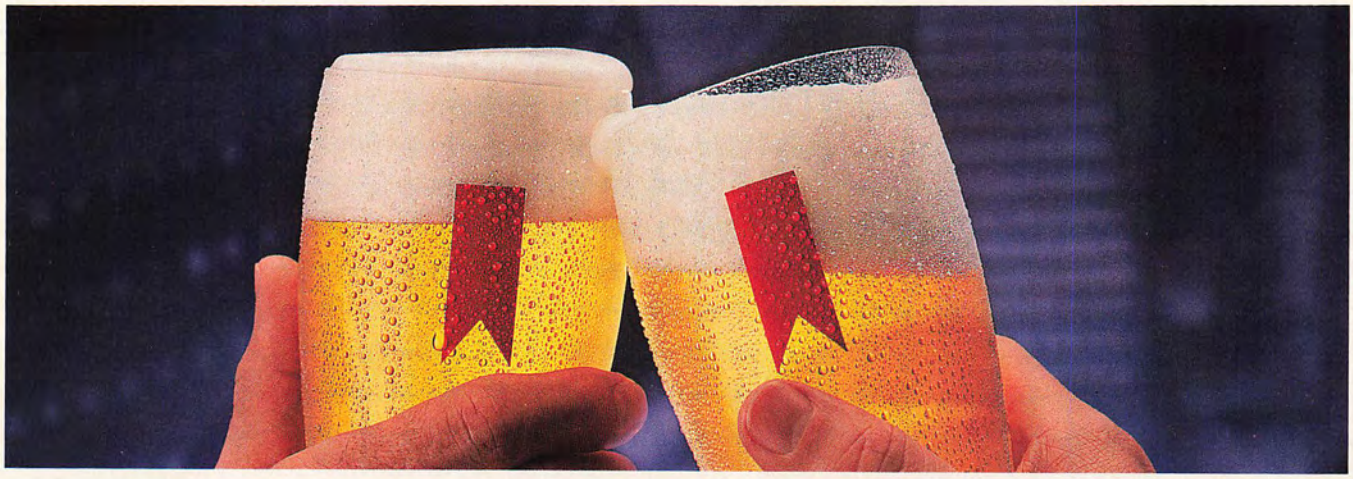
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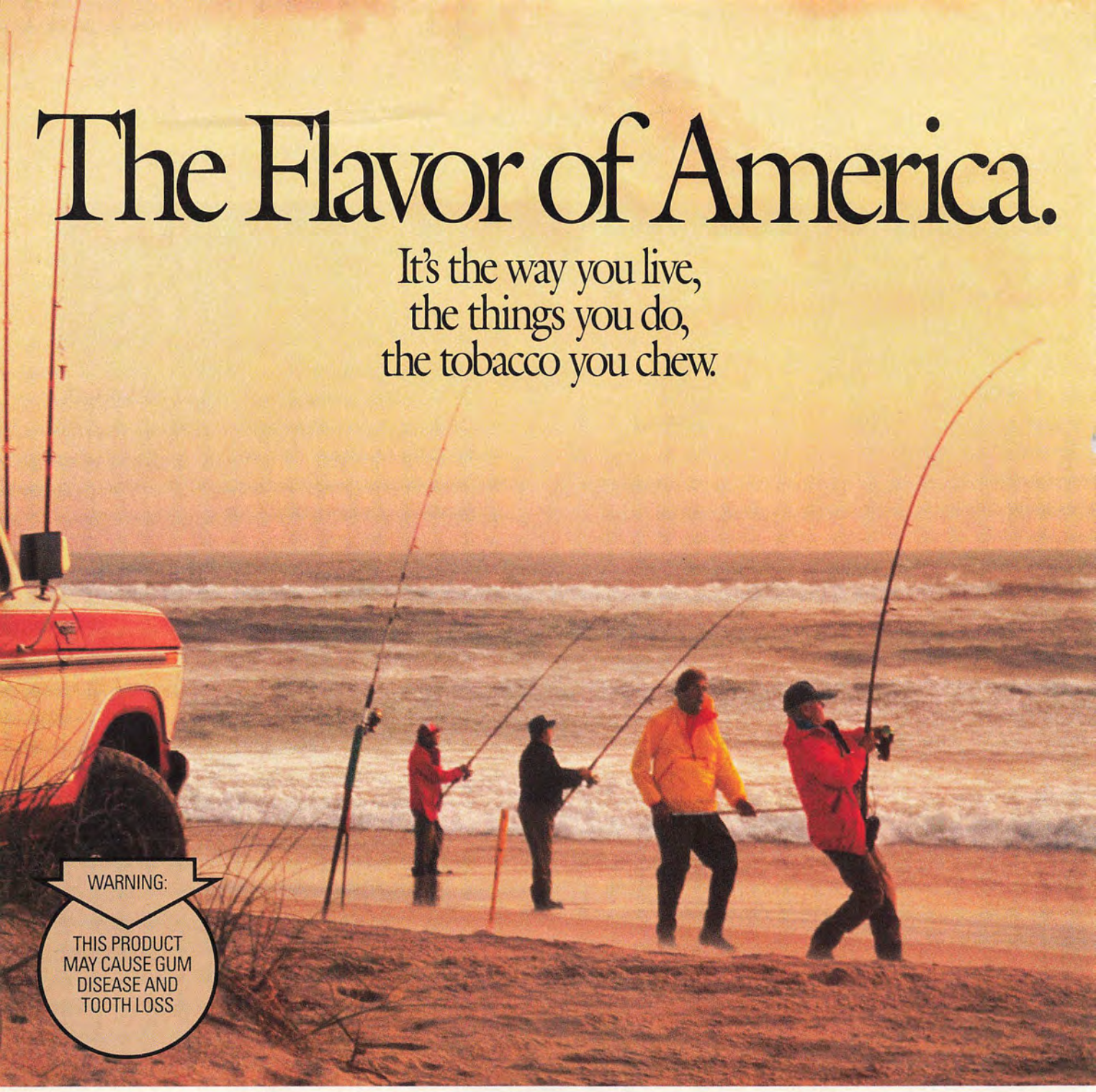
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What's The Score Now?

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON

If you want to be picky—and we do—it may come as something of a surprise to learn that the only statistical category in which Desmond Howard led the country last year was Heisman Trophy voting.

Receiving? Nope. Houston's Fred Gilbert was No. 1 in receptions per game with 9.6. Howard was No. 14 at 5.6, right there between No. 13 James Guarantano of Rutgers and No. 15 Rod Moore of Utah State. And Aaron Turner of Pacific led in receiving yards per game with 145.8. Howard was 10th at 86.4, sandwiched between Gilbert at 87.0 and Moore at 85.8.

Scoring? Close but no cigar. Howard and freshman running back Marshall Faulk of San Diego State each scored 23 touchdowns (OK, Howard can claim a share of that crown), but Faulk also had a two-point conversion, giving him the title. And he played two fewer games than Michigan's Howard.

All-purpose yards? Uh-uh. Howard was seventh at 159 yards per game, well behind the leader, Pacific's Ryan Benjamin, at 249.6.

Punt returns? Another close call. Virginia Tech's Bo Campbell led with 18.2 to runner-up Howard's 17.4. Both returned the same number of punts (15).

Kickoff returns? Almost, but again a bridesmaid, this time thanks to the NCAA. Howard returned 12 kickoffs during the regular season for 373 yards, an average of 31.1. That bettered the leader, New Mexico State's Fred Montgomery, who averaged 29.4 but returned 25 kicks.

Unfortunately for Howard, he fell two returns short. The NCAA requires 1.2 returns per game to qualify, and Howard's 12 runbacks in 11 games calculates to 1.1. Blame your defense, Desmond. It should have given up more touchdowns.

What all this leads up to is that the fellow on the chucking end of all 19 of Howard's 1991 touchdown catches, quarterback Elvis Grbac, did finish No. 1—in passing efficiency. And we'll concede that Howard did indeed lead the nation in touchdown receptions, although that isn't listed among the NCAA's major statistical categories.

It looks like another great offensive year in 1992. Grbac is one of a number of individual leaders returning, along with Faulk, who became the first freshman to lead the nation in rushing and scoring, Gilbert, Turner, Campbell, Montgomery, Benjamin, and California's Doug Brien (field goals).

In all, 31 of the top 50 rushers are back, 27 of 50 in passing efficiency, 25 in total offense, 22 each in receptions per game and receiving yards per game, 28 in all-purpose running, 37 in scoring, 29 in punt returns, 30 in kickoff returns and 33 in field goals.

Grbac, who sports a 23–5 record as a starter, enters his fourth season of varsity action as Michigan's career leader in touchdown passes

With San Diego State's Marshall Faulk and others, offenses are bound to soar this season.



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(54) and completions (393). He led the Big Ten with 24 TD passes and ranks second on the Michigan career charts for passing yardage (4,820), completion percentage (61.8) and attempts (636).

Grbac's passing efficiency last year under the NCAA's formula was 169.00, based on 152 completions in 228 attempts (a school-record 66.7 percent) for 1,955 yards and 24 touchdowns, another school record. He was intercepted only five times. Grbac's career-efficiency mark of 159.65 is the best in school history, and he set a single-game record for completion percentage by connecting on 20 of 22 (90.9 percent) against Notre Dame.

Grbac will have to share preseason quarterback laurels with Notre Dame's Rick Mirer (eighth in passing efficiency), Florida's Shane Matthews (9), Washington's Billy Joe Hobert (12) and Miami's Gino Torretta (18).

Other top 20 returnees: Jeff Garcia, San Jose State (3); Troy Kopp, Pacific (5); Steve Stenstrom, Stanford (6); David Lowery, San Diego State (19); and Marvin Graves, Syracuse (20).

Keep an eye on Drew Bledsoe, Washington State; Dave Brown, Duke; Leon Clay, TCU; Frank Dolce, Utah; Glenn Foley, Boston College; Fred Gatlin, Nevada; Trent Green, Indiana; Cale Gundy, Oklahoma; Robert Hall, Texas Tech; Eric Hunter, Purdue; J.J. Joe, Baylor; Phil Johnson, Missouri; Shawn Jones, Georgia Tech; Alex Van Pelt, Pitt; Jason Verduzco, Illinois; Erik White, Bowling Green; Len Williams, Northwestern; and Eric Zeier, Georgia.



STEVE WOLTMANN

Odds are 2 to 1 Grbac completes a pass.

Although Grbac was No. 1 in passing efficiency, he wasn't among the top 50 in total offense. The returning leader in that category is Kopp, who finished third with 307.2 yards per game.

Other top 20 returnees, all quarterbacks: Torretta (5), Matthews (6), Verduzco (9), Van Pelt (10), Green (13), Bledsoe (14), Dolce (17), Jones (19) and Lowery (20).

In San Diego State's 1991 media guide, you can find all of 6½ lines on Faulk, a tiny thumbnail sketch in the section on newcomers. If you read it closely, you will learn that the rookie from New Orleans' Carver High School "ranked among (Louisiana's) top 16 players" and was characterized by San Diego State's coaching staff as a "slashing, cutting type of runner."

Who knew that Faulk would become the first freshman—and a true freshman at that—to lead the nation in rushing and scoring: 158.8 yards per game and 7.1 per carry despite missing three games with broken ribs and a collapsed lung; 15.56 points per game on 23 touchdowns and a two-point conversion. In the second game of his career, Faulk rushed for seven touchdowns and an NCAA-record 386 yards against Pacific.

Faulk conceivably could become the first sophomore to win the Heisman. If he does, he will have to beat out such topflight runners as Trevor Cobb of Rice, who finished third in 1991;



Nebraska's Derek Brown (9), California's Russell White (16), North Carolina's Natrone Means (17) and Notre Dame's Jerome Bettis (45th, but the top returning fullback).

Other top 20 running back returnees: Jason Davis, Louisiana Tech (4); Benjamin (6); Greg Hill, Texas A&M (12); Tico Duckett, Michigan State (13); Kevin Williams, UCLA (14); Ricky Powers, Michigan (15); and Errict Rhett, Florida (20).

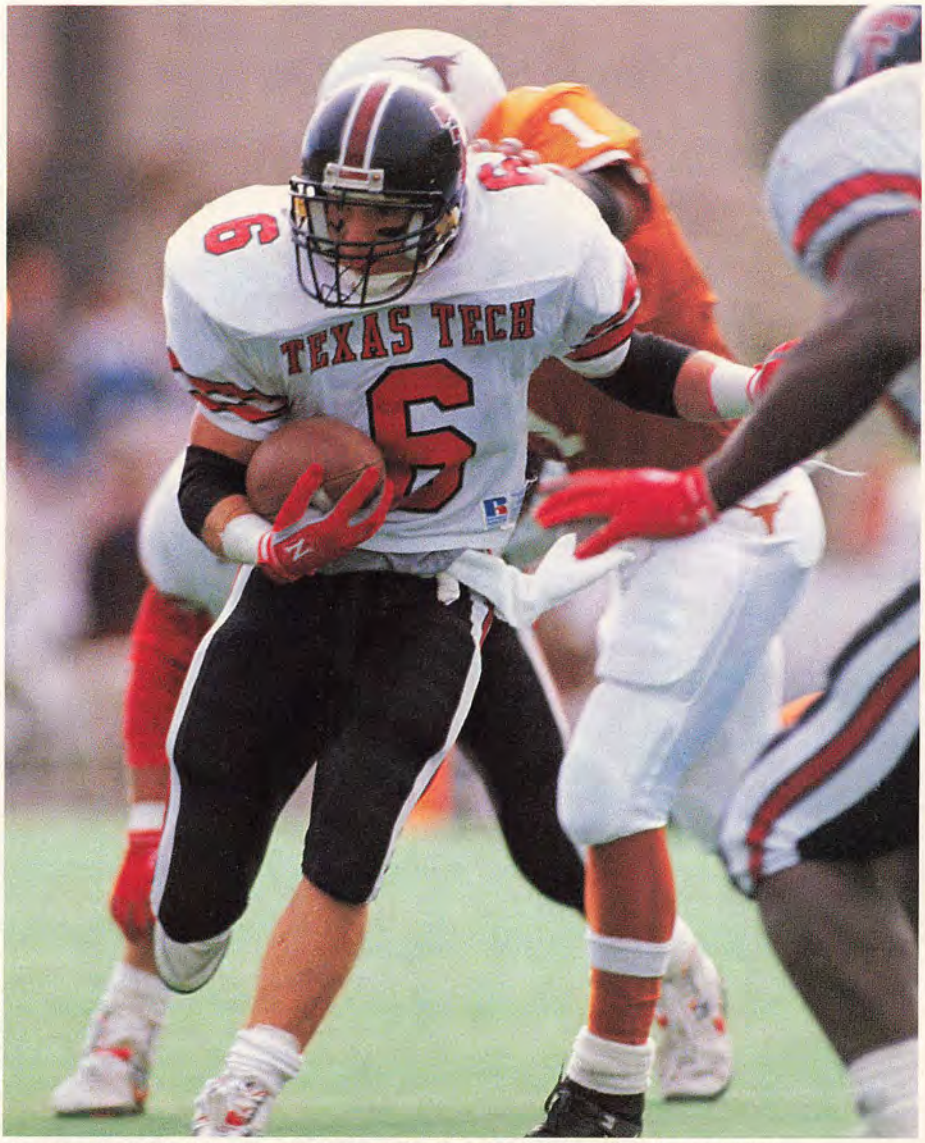
Keep an eye on Richie Anderson, Penn State; Brandon Bennett, South Carolina; Beno Bryant, Washington; Sean Burwell, Oregon; Butler By'not'e, Ohio State; Marvin Courtney, Mississippi; Corey Croom, Ball State; Tim Curtis, Ohio U.; Randy Cuthbert, Duke; Ralph Dawkins, Louisville; Dwight Driver, Wyoming; Chuckie Dukes, Boston College; Joe Frazier, Auburn; Eric Gallon, Kansas State; Butch Hadnot, Texas; Garrison Hearst, Georgia; Rongea Hill, SMU; Sean Jackson, Florida State; LeShon Johnson, Northern Illinois; Ron Jackson, Tulsa; Calvin Jones, Nebraska; Terry Kirby, Virginia; Derrick Lassic, Alabama; Jimy Lincoln, Georgia Tech; Stephen McGuire, Miami, Fla.; Glyn Milburn, Stanford; David Mims, Baylor; Byron Morris, Texas Tech; Adrian Murrell, West Virginia; Kenyon Rasheed, Oklahoma; Ron Rivers, Fresno State; David Small, Cincinnati; Robert Smith, Ohio State; James Stewart, Tennessee; Robert Strait, Baylor; David Walker, Syracuse; Lamont Warren, Colorado; Ronald Williams, Clemson; Kevin Williams, Utah; and Jamal Willis, Brigham Young.

Even though Faulk and "Heisman" Howard each scored 23 touchdowns last year, Faulk won the scoring crown thanks to a two-point conversion: 140 points to 138. Bettis set a Notre Dame record with 20 touchdowns, but that was good for only fourth place nationally, 20 points behind Faulk.

Other top 20 scoring returnees: Turner, Pacific (5); White, California (tie 7); Brien, California (tie 7); Derek Mahoney, Fresno State placekicker (9); Jones, Nebraska (tie 10); Davis, Louisiana Tech (tie 10); Benjamin, Pacific (12); Jason Elam, Hawaii placekicker (13); Craig Fayak, Penn State placekicker (16); Dan Eichloff, Kansas placekicker (tie 17); John Biskup, Syracuse placekicker (tie 17); Chip Hilleary, Kansas quarterback (tie 20); Brown, Nebraska (tie 20); and Cobb, Rice (tie 20).

Houston's run-and-shoot attack has produced the national receiving leader in each of the last five years. Jason Phillips led in per-game catches in 1987 (9.0) and 1988 (9.8), Manny Hazard repeated in 1989 (12.9) and 1990 (7.8), and Gilbert (9.6 last year) will try to give the Cougars a third straight back-to-back champion.

Turner, who didn't get much national recognition while playing for unheralded Pacific, enjoyed a fantastic 1991 campaign. He finished second in catches per game (8.4) but piled up a whopping 1,604 yards on 92 catches (Gilbert had 957 on 106) and averaged 17.4 yards per reception. In receiving yards per game, Turner was a runaway winner with 145.8 to 114.7 for Marcus Grant of Houston, who left early for the NFL. Gilbert was ninth at 87.0.



LAYNE MURDOCH

Passers are well-advised to avoid Tracy Saul's zone in Texas Tech's secondary.

Most of the preseason publicity has gone to UCLA's Sean LaChapelle, who finished sixth in receptions per game (6.2) and seventh in receiving yards per game (89.7), while setting all of the school's single-season receiving records last year: 68 catches, 987 yards, 11 touchdowns. He seems a cinch to shatter the career marks, needing only 17 catches to break Mike Sherrard's school record of 128.

Other top 20 returnees (catches per game): Wilbert Ursin, Tulane (4); Carl Winston, New Mexico (5); Greg Primus, Colorado State (7); Mark Szlachcic, Bowling Green (9); Jason Wolf, SMU (17); Bryan Rowley, Utah (tie 20); and Eric Guliford, Arizona State (tie 20).

Other top 20 returnees (yards per game): Primus (tie 3); Ryan Yarborough, Wyoming (tie 3); Winston (5); Ursin (8); Gilbert (9); Szlachcic (12); Eric Drage, Brigham Young (14); Rowley (15); and Melvin Bonner, Baylor (20).

Keep an eye on Olanda Truitt of Mississippi State, who hasn't played since 1990, when he led Pitt with 49 catches for 895 yards and six touchdowns before transferring. Also, Wayde Butler, Southwestern Louisiana; Campbell; Curtis Conway, Southern Cal; Horace Copeland, Miami, Fla.; Sean Dawkins, California; Tre Everett, Florida; Guarantano, Rutgers; Guliford, Arizona State; Andre Hastings, Georgia; Lloyd Hill, Texas Tech; Shelby Hill, Syracuse; Corey Holliday, North Carolina; Danan Hughes, Iowa; Qadry Ismail, Syracuse; Willie Jackson, Florida; O.J. McDuffie, Penn State; Bert Milliner, Oklahoma State; David Palmer, Alabama; Bryan Rowley, Utah; Darnay



MIKE MOORE

Runners who go around Darrin Smith of Miami are asking for trouble.

Scott, San Diego State; Stephen Shipley, TCU; Terry Smith, Clemson; Lamar Thomas, Miami, Fla.; Terry Vaughn, Arizona; Michael Westbrook, Colorado; and Larry Wynn, Northern Illinois.

If there is one position where there may be a shortage of topflight talent, it is tight end. Of those returning, only John Henry Mills of Wake Forest (tied for 27th with 4.6 receptions per game) and Todd Cutler of New Mexico State (42nd with 65.3 yards per game) finished in the top 50 last year.

Keep an eye on Pat Akos, Vanderbilt; Kyle Brady, Penn State; Alan Cross, Iowa; Chris Gedney, Syracuse; Yonnie Jackson, Southern Cal; Mitch Lyons, Michigan State; Shannon Mitchell, Georgia; Marcus Pope, Southern Mississippi; Byron Rex, Brigham Young; Irv Smith, Notre Dame; Matt Swenson, Wyoming; Butch Williams, Washington State; and Frank Wycheck, Maryland.

Benjamin, one of Pacific's titanic triumvirate that includes Kopp and Turner, led the nation in all-purpose yardage, i.e., rushing, receiving, returning kicks. He averaged 249.6 yards per game—he had 1,581 rushing, 612 receiving and 802 returning kicks—to 201.2 for Indiana tailback Vaughn Dunbar, who completed his career.

Other top 20 returnees: Faulk, San Diego State (3), Cobb, Rice (4); White, California (9); Chuck Levy, Arizona (11); Davis, Louisiana Tech (12); Turner, Pacific (13); Milburn, Stanford (16); Rhett, Florida (17); and Brown, Nebraska (19).

The ranks of kick returners are loaded. Campbell was No. 1 in punt returns with an 18.2 average on 15 runbacks. But Alabama's Palmer (3) and Miami's Kevin Williams (4) dominated the headlines by returning three punts apiece for touchdowns.

Other top 20 returnees: James McMillion, Iowa State (5); Darnell Stephens, Clemson (8); Brad Clark, Brigham Young (9); Jeff Burris, Notre Dame (12); Thomas Bailey, Auburn (13); Tracy Saul, Texas Tech (14); George Coghill, Wake Forest (15); Matt Gay, Kansas (17); Guliford, Arizona State (18); and Terry Vaughn, Arizona (20).

Keep an eye on: Bryant, Washington; Perry Carter, Southern Mississippi; Anthony Hickman, TCU; Tony James, Mississippi State; McDuffie, Penn State; Milburn, Stanford; and Robert O'Neal, Clemson.

Although New Mexico State's Montgomery was tops in kickoff returns at 29.4, most of the headlines went to Ismail of Syracuse, who finished 11th at 25.0 and compared favorably to his older brother, Raghib, The Rocket who starred at Notre Dame.

Other top 20 returnees: Ronald Rice, Eastern Michigan (2); Hastings, Georgia (6); Levy, Arizona (9); Donovan Moore, Oregon (10); Brad Breedlove, Duke (12); Conway, Southern Cal (13); Darrick Branch, Hawaii (14); Bailey, Auburn (16); James, Mississippi State (17); James Jett, West Virginia (18); and Freddie Bradley, Arkansas (19).

Keep an eye on Benjamin, Pacific; Bryant, Washington; Burris, Notre Dame; Campbell, Virginia Tech; Arthur Davis, Fullerton State; Dukes, Boston College; White, California; Milburn, Stanford; and Scott, San Diego State.

When these explosive players can't put the ball in the end zone, it's time to call on the soccer players.

The NCAA bases its leaderboard on field goals, not percentage. And Cal's Brien led the field with 1.73 per game on 19-of-28 accuracy. The next four finishers also return: Dan Eichloff of Kansas (18 of 24, 1.64); Hawaii's Elam (19 of 24, 1.58); and a tie for fourth between Biskup of Syracuse (17 of 22, 1.55) and Clemson's Nelson Welch (17 of 26, 1.55). For accuracy, though, try Tulsa's Eric Lange, who was true on 16 of 18 (88.9 percent) but was only eighth on the NCAA list at 1.45 per game.

Other top 20 returnees: Fayak, Penn State (9); Chuck Selinger, Central Michigan (11); Pedro Suarez, LSU (13); Mike Green, Wake Forest (tie 14); Anthony Brenner, East Carolina (tie 14); Jeff Jacke, Missouri (16); Daron Alcorn, Akron (tie 17); Terry Venetoulias, Texas A&M (tie 17); Louis Perez, UCLA (tie 17); and Brian Lee, Mississippi (tie 17).

Keep an eye on Scott Bonnell, Indiana; Craig Hentrich, Notre Dame; Mahoney, Fresno State; Patmon Malcom, Army; Doug Pelfrey, Kentucky; Mike Richey, Arizona State; Scott Sisson, Georgia Tech; Ty Stewart, Iowa State; and Todd Wright, Arkansas.

The top returning punter is Arkansas' Pete Raether, who finished third last year with a 43.6 average.

LaChapelle eyes pass-catching marks.



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Other top 20 returnees: Shayne Edge, Florida (4); David Lawrence, Vanderbilt (10); Ed Bunn, Texas-El Paso (11); Eichloff, Kansas (12); Pat O'Neill, Syracuse (13); Mike Stigge, Nebraska (16); Brian Parvin, UNLV (18); and Scot Armstrong, Georgia (19).

Keep an eye on Alcorn, Akron; Mitch Berger, Colorado; Chip Clark, Tulane; Elam, Hawaii; Hentrich, Notre Dame; Damon Keller, Ball State; Brad Reddell, Oklahoma; Sean Snyder, Kansas State; and Steve Young, Utah.

That brings us to offensive linemen, those fellows who play in "the pit" but get little recognition until the coaches grade the game films.

The best offensive tackles: Jason Basso, Colorado State; Greg Bishop, Pacific; Tony Boselli, Southern Cal; Justin Hall, Notre Dame; Paul Hutchins, Western Michigan; John James, Mississippi State; Tre Johnson, Temple; Lincoln Kennedy, Washington; Everett Lindsay, Mississippi; Alan Kline, Ohio State; Tom Scott, East Carolina; and Todd Steussie, California.

The rest: Billy Baldwin, Rice; Shane Hannah, Michigan State; Jim Hansen, Colorado; Jesse Hardwick, Fresno State; Greg Huntington, Penn State; Keith Loneker, Kansas; Kevin Mawae, LSU; Alec Millen, Georgia; Keith Novitsky, UCLA; Vaughn Parker, UCLA; Willie Roaf, Louisiana Tech; Robert Stevenson, Florida State; Dexter Wesley, Texas A&M; and Bernard Williams, Georgia.

The best offensive guards: Brian Cassidy, Stanford; Joe Cocozzo, Michigan; John Ellisor, Texas A&M; Bob Garman, Washington State; Will Shields, Nebraska; Mike Stowell, Tennessee; and Terrence Wisdom, Syracuse.

The rest: Mike Bedosky, Missouri; Chuck Belin, Wisconsin; Craig Bellamy, Baylor; Chris Dalman, Stanford; Mike Gee, North Carolina State; Tyler Harrison, Texas A&M; Toby Heaton, Michigan State; Jeff King, Memphis State; Stance Labaj, Texas Tech; Andy McCollum, Toledo; Paul Moriarty, Oklahoma; Todd Perry, Kentucky; and Ray Straschinska, Arkansas.

The best centers: Mike Compton, West Virginia; Mike Devlin, Iowa; Steve Everitt, Michigan; and Randall Parsons, North Carolina; Jim Pyne, Virginia Tech.

The rest: Robbie Baker, Florida State; Warren Bowers, Utah State; Glen Cavanaugh, Stanford; Jamie Crysdale, Cincinnati; Greg Huntington, Penn State; Turk McDonald, Texas; Toby Mills, Arizona State; Quentin Neujahr, Kansas State; and Chris Sestili, Pitt.

Coaches like to say that offense puts fans in the seats, but defense wins championships. Here are the top defenders:

The best ends: Jason Gildon, Oklahoma State; Rusty Medearis, Miami, Fla.; Darren Mickell, Florida; and Chris Slade, Virginia.

The rest: Allen Aldridge, Houston; Chidi Anahotu, California; Charles Beauchamp, Indiana; Tunji Bolden, TCU; Willie Hill, Michigan State; Darren McGowan, Tulane; Kurt Whitehead, Wyoming; and Dan Williams, Toledo.

The best tackles: Sam Adams, Texas A&M; James Atkins, Southwestern Louisiana; Mike Chalenski, UCLA; John Copeland, Alabama; Chris Hutchinson, Michigan; Leonard Renfro, Colorado; Coleman Rudolph, Georgia Tech; and Dana Stubblefield, Kansas.

The rest: Estevan Avila, Stanford; Lou Benfatti, Penn State; Randy Brock, Brigham Young; Mark Caesar, Miami, Fla.; Dave Chaytors, Utah; Jeff Cummins, Oregon; Eric Curry, Alabama; Dan Footman, Florida State; Tyoka Jackson, Penn State; Shawn Jackson, Texas Tech; Bob Kuberski, Navy; Ricky Massey, Texas-El Paso; Mike Nettie, Central Michigan; Austin Robbins, North Carolina; Carl Simpson, Florida State; Artie Smith, Louisiana Tech; Mack Travis, California; Rob Wagner, Northern Illinois; David Webb, Southern Cal; Greg Wilkins, Oklahoma; Thomas Williams, Wyoming; and Bryant Young, Notre Dame.

The best nose guards: Chris Hobbs, Memphis State; Kevin Mitchell, Syracuse; Greg Smith, Ohio State; and Jeff Zgonina, Purdue.

The rest: Lenny Gomes, Brigham Young; Zack Rix, Fresno State; Matt Sign, Rice; and John Stolberg, Boston College.

The best outside linebackers: Jessie Armstead, Miami, Fla.; Marcus Buckley, Texas A&M; Shante Carver, Arizona State; Ron George, Stanford; Reggie Givens, Penn State;



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Jason Simmons, Ohio State; William Sims, Southwestern Louisiana; and Darrin Smith, Miami.

The rest: Reggie Anderson, TCU; Hassan Bailey, Kansas; Myron Baker, Louisiana Tech; Reggie Barnes, Oklahoma; Eric Blount, Houston; Raymond Bowles, San Jose State; Chad Brown, Colorado; Anthony Curl, Texas; Mitch Davis, Georgia; Greg Dillon, East Carolina; Nate Dingle, Cincinnati; Rob Frederickson, Michigan State; Dave Garnett, Stanford; Henry Hall, Ball State; Mike Hewitt, LSU; Travis Hill, Nebraska; Darwin Ireland, Arkansas; Richard Maddox, Arizona; LeShai Maston, Baylor; Mike McCrary, Wake Forest; Willie McGinest, Southern Cal; Rich McKenzie, Penn State; Barry Minter, Tulsa; Sterling Palmer, Florida State; Jonathan Perry, North Carolina; Jason Pohopek, Boston College; Dwight Reese, Wisconsin; Vergil Simpson, Air Force; Trey Tippens, Oklahoma; David White, Nebraska; Alonzo Williams, Rice; James Willis, Auburn; Marc Woodard, Mississippi State; and Mike Woolridge, Oklahoma State.

The best inside linebackers: Arnold Ale, UCLA; Micheal Barrow, Miami, Fla.; Mick Barsala, California; Dan Conley, Syracuse; Demetrius DuBose, Notre Dame; Dave Hoffmann, Washington; Marvin Jones, Florida State; Tom McManus, Boston College; Tommy Thigpen, North Carolina; Steve Tovar, Ohio State; Tom Tumulty, Pitt; and Brett Wallerstedt, Arizona State.

The rest: Jason Atkinson, Texas A&M; Brooks Barta, Kansas State; Danton Barto, Memphis State; Greg Biekert, Colorado; Daniel Boyd, Mississippi State; Steve Carr, Texas Tech; Gary Casper, Wisconsin; Mike Coats, Oklahoma; Phil Dunn, Akron; Shad Hansen, Brigham Young; Mike Jarmolowich, Maryland; Bill Kiely, SMU; Anthony McClanahan, Washington State; Curt McMillan, Miami, O.; Dan Milner, Iowa State; Marty Moore, Kentucky; Gidion Murrell, Southern Cal; Mark Parris, Ball State; Cory Talich, Wyoming; Emmett Waldron, Rice; Ricardo Washington, LSU; Jerrott Willard, California; Barron Wortham, Texas-El Paso; and Glen Young, Syracuse.

The best strong safeties: Steve Carmer, Nebraska; Lance Gunn, Texas; Roger Harper, Ohio State; and Tommie Smith, Washington.

The rest: Dave Bielinski, Bowling Green; Mike Collins, West Virginia; Johnny Dixon, Mississippi; Malik Jackson, Rutgers; Derriel McCorvey, LSU; Stephon Pace, Southern Cal; Mike Reid, North Carolina State; and Doug Whaley, Pitt.

The best cornerbacks: Walter Bailey, Washington; Tom Carter, Notre Dame; Deon Figures, Colorado; Carlton Gray, UCLA; Dwayne Joseph, Syracuse; Carlton McDonald, Air Force; Ryan McNeil, Miami, Fla.; and Jimmy Young, Purdue.

The rest: Derek Bochna, Penn State; James Burton, Fresno State; Dominic Calloway, Memphis State; Grady Cavness, Texas; George Coghill, Wake Forest; Tyronne Drakeford, Virginia Tech; Derrick Frazier, Texas A&M; Darrien Gordon, Stanford; Greg Jeffries, Virginia; Larry Kennedy, Florida; Willie Lindsey, Northwestern; Kevin Miniefield, Arizona State; Jason Oliver, Southern Cal; Richard Palmer, Eastern Michigan; Sebastian Savage, North Carolina State; Fred Smith, Auburn; Thomas Smith, North Carolina; Darnell Walker, Oklahoma; and Paul Wallace, Wyoming.

The best free safeties: Patrick Bates, Texas A&M; Ray Buchanan, Louisville; Ron Carpenter, Miami, O.; Eric Castle, Oregon; Rondell Jones, North Carolina; Mike McElrath, Army; Robert O'Neal, Clemson; Shane Pahukoa, Washington; Tracy Saul, Texas Tech; and Will White, Florida.

The rest: Brad Armstead, Kentucky; Cary Brabham, SMU; Corwin Brown, Michigan; Mark DouBrava, Iowa State; Derwin Gray, Brigham Young; Scott Harmon, Oklahoma State; Othello Henderson, UCLA; Keith Lyle, Virginia; Jaime Mendez, Kansas State; Damon Pieri, San Diego State; Lee Rubin, Penn State; and Lamont Scales, Wake Forest. ■

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Offense

WR	Sean LaChapelle	UCLA	6–4	207	Senior
T	John James	Mississippi State	6–3	294	Senior
G	Will Shields	Nebraska	6–1	305	Senior
C	Mike Devlin	Iowa	6–3	275	Senior
G	Mike Stowell	Tennessee	6–2	290	Senior
T	Tony Boselli	Southern California	6–7	275	Sophomore
TE	Kyle Brady	Penn State	6–6	251	Junior
QB	Rick Mirer	Notre Dame	6–2	217	Senior
RB	Marshall Faulk	San Diego State	5–10	185	Sophomore
RB	Russell White	California	6–0	210	Senior
FL	Qadry Ismail	Syracuse	6–0	192	Senior

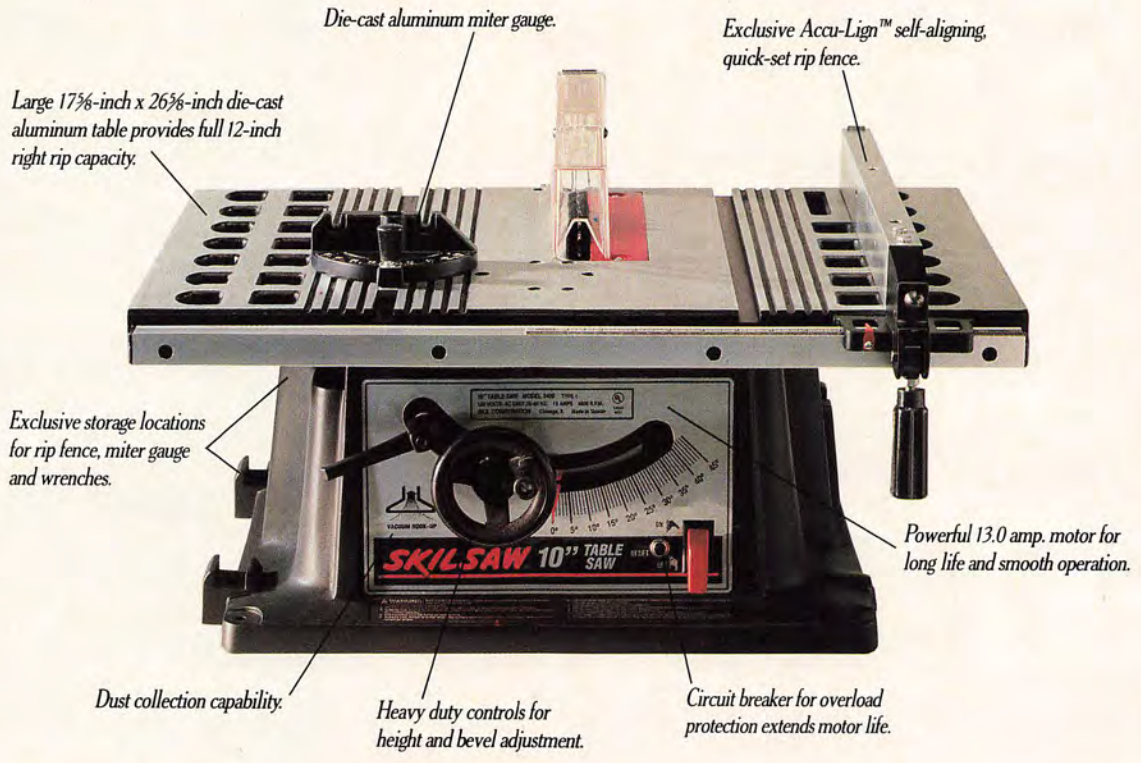
Defense

DL	Rusty Medearis	Miami	6–3	245	Junior
DL	Coleman Rudolph	Georgia Tech	6–4	267	Senior
DL	Chris Hutchinson	Michigan	6–2	260	Senior
OLB	Darrin Smith	Miami	6–1	228	Senior
ILB	Marvin Jones	Florida State	6–2	220	Junior
ILB	Dave Hoffmann	Washington	6–2	225	Senior
OLB	Marcus Buckley	Texas A&M	6–4	230	Senior
DB	Roger Harper	Ohio State	6–4	224	Sophomore
DB	Robert O'Neal	Clemson	6–2	185	Senior
DB	Tracy Saul	Texas Tech	6–0	180	Senior
DB	Will White	Florida	6–1	199	Senior

Specialists

KR	Glyn Milburn	Stanford	5–9	175	Senior
PR	David Palmer	Alabama	5–9	170	Sophomore
K	Dan Eichloff	Kansas	6–0	215	Junior
P	Shayne Edge	Florida	5–11	170	Sophomore

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WALSH IS BACK — AND — STANFORD'S GOT HIM

By **MARK SOLTAU**
San Francisco Examiner

Bill Walsh has three Super Bowl rings, an attractive wife and enough money to keep his wine cellar stocked for the rest of his life.

Why would the 60-year-old Walsh decide to go back to college? Why not?



PETER BROUILLET

As coach of the San Francisco 49ers, Bill Walsh brought Joe Montana's quarterbacking to a state of the art.

At Stanford, sophomore quarterback Mark Butterfield gets pointers from Walsh.



ROD SEARCY

WALSH IS BACK

When the former San Francisco 49ers coach and future NFL Hall of Famer came out of retirement in January and signed a five-year contract to coach at Stanford University, many eyebrows were raised. And not just those of Pacific-10 Conference football rivals.

At a time when most established coaches are content to savor their accomplishments, Walsh chose to return.

"It was a courageous move for a man of his reputation, experience and age," says Fred vonAppen, former Walsh aide with the 49ers.

VonAppen resigned as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at the University of Pittsburgh to rejoin Walsh at Stanford.

"I characterized it as the godfather calling," vonAppen says. "What do you say, no?"

Certainly, Walsh has nothing left to prove. In just three seasons, he turned the 49ers from 2–14 losers to Super Bowl champions (1981). Walsh added titles in 1984 and 1988, then turned over the reins to assistant George Seifert, who won another world championship in 1989. Prior to joining the 49ers in 1979, Walsh spent two seasons at Stanford, coaching the Cardinal to bowl victories in 1977 and 1978. He told many that those were the happiest times of his life.

With that in mind, perhaps it shouldn't have been shocking when Walsh quit his job as a TV football analyst with NBC and declined a lucrative offer from 49ers owner Edward DeBartolo Jr. to become a team consultant in favor of Stanford and The Farm.

"I missed the camaraderie of the coaches and the players," says Walsh, who has stayed trim and fit by playing tennis. "What I didn't miss was the pressure that had built up between me and the 49ers to win and be the Super Bowl champions. It had become almost intolerable."

"I know how competitive he was as a coach and how he thrived on what he did. I knew, being that close and not coaching, if he had an opportunity, he would go back."

So Walsh stepped down. He enjoyed the break, but at least one of his former players knew Walsh wouldn't be content announcing games for long.

Says former 49ers safety Tom Holmoe, who has joined Walsh's staff as defensive backfield coach: "I know how competitive he was as a coach and how he thrived on what he did. I knew, being that close and not coaching, if he had an opportunity, he would go back."

Actually, the Stanford job was the only one Walsh would have considered. He had several offers from NFL teams but didn't want to leave northern California.

It's only a 10-minute drive from Walsh's new home in Woodside, an upscale, rural community about 25 miles south of San Francisco, to the Stanford campus. There will be less heat to succeed, and he inherits an 8–4 team that tied for second in the Pac-10 in 1991. Many predict that Stanford will challenge Washington for the Pac-10 championship this season.

"I feel much better taking this team than I did the original (in 1977)," Walsh says. "To field a team, we had to go into the student body and get guys who hadn't played. We had one from the engineering department who played nose tackle."

That won't be the case this time. Dennis Green, former Stanford head coach and Walsh assistant with the 49ers, left the program well-stocked before departing to the Minnesota Vikings. With a solid nucleus of returning players and many promising freshman recruits, Walsh figures to give opponents fits from the start.



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"I don't feel any pressure," says Walsh, who has never seemed more relaxed. "I think people probably expect more than they'll get. The alums and conceivably the press will expect more than we can deliver. They will come to reality in our first game."

Typical Walsh. Always underestimate your team and praise the opposition. It has been his trademark.

In this case, Walsh may not be kidding. Stanford begins the season Aug. 26 against powerful Texas A&M in the Pigskin Classic at Anaheim Stadium, an immediate windfall from the hiring. Each team is expected to receive a minimum of $600,000, not to mention national television exposure.

Stanford ticket sales have flourished. In the normally laid-back Bay Area, where people are more prone to spend Saturdays at the beach or in the wine country, Walsh's hiring had an immediate effect. An estimated 4,000 more season tickets have been sold.

"This is the greatest thing that could have happened," says longtime supporter and alumnus Dan Elliott of Newport Beach. "We have so much momentum. Bill is the icing on the cake to make it one of the most successful programs in the country."

Returning players are still pinching themselves. When Green left, a dark cloud hung over the program. Now veterans see Walsh taking it to another level.

"I definitely think expectations are going to be higher, and they should be higher," says senior tailback Glyn Milburn, a Heisman Trophy candidate. "He's been successful everywhere he's been."

Junior quarterback Steve Stenstrom adds, "It's an amazing opportunity for us."

What gives Walsh the most satisfaction?

"It's the entire atmosphere," he says. "You take pride in the players. You develop the coaches. I take great pride that five NFL coaches—Seifert, Green, Sam Wyche, Mike Holmgren and Bruce Coslet—really started their coaching careers with me."

Walsh retained only two coaches from Green's staff: linebacker coach Dave Tipton, a defensive line standout on Stanford's 1971 Rose Bowl team, and offensive line coach Scott Schuhmann. The rest are newcomers, with heavy emphasis on new. Three—Keena Turner, Mike Wilson and Bill Ring—played for Walsh with the 49ers and have never been assistant coaches. Holmoe also played for Walsh and was a graduate assistant at Brigham Young last season.

"A good portion of my interest in this job was to put together a staff," Walsh says. "I enjoyed watching them in action and I'm excited about their development."

Walsh doesn't consider his coaches' inexperience a liability.

"They come in with a lot of self-confidence because of their playing careers," he says. "They are very familiar with the style, the philosophy and ethic that I've represented. They'll have good direction from me. I think it's an ideal situation."

What are Walsh's strengths as a coach?

"His dedication to details," says Holmoe. "There wasn't a detail that went by him with the 49ers. Not just X's and O's, but every aspect of the organization. From the way we played, to the way our summer camp was conducted, to the way our employees acted. It was all part of a master plan."

Walsh approaches the season with tempered enthusiasm. Yes, Stanford will be strong. But so will national champion Washington, Southern California and UCLA. The Cardinal also has a date in South Bend with Notre Dame.

Ironically, Walsh announced Fighting Irish games for NBC last season with Dick Enberg and helped convince quarterback Rick Mirer to stay in school instead of entering the NFL draft.

"I should have told him to turn pro," Walsh cracks.

Walsh has never been the type to settle for mediocrity.

"The bottom line for me is for players to reach their potential," he says. "That's going to be my job at Stanford. Now if that means we're in the top 15 every year, which I think we can be, that's it. If we can somehow go undefeated, that's fine."

The professor is back. ■

BEST IN THE BUSINESS



STEVE WOLTMANN

HEISMAN TROPHY **DESMOND HOWARD** **MICHIGAN RECEIVER**

From his first acrobatic touchdown catch of the season, Howard led the race for the Heisman Trophy. He caught 61 passes for 950 yards and 19 touchdowns. Howard ranked second in the nation in punt returns with a 17.4-yard average, including a 93-yard touchdown. Howard opened the '91 campaign by running back a kickoff 93 yards for a score. The junior rushed 13 times for 165 yards and two TDs.



PETER BROUILLET

OUTLAND TROPHY **STEVE EMTMAN** **WASHINGTON DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

Just a junior last season, Emtman proved to be one of college football's best linemen ever. Though he was double- and triple-teamed all year, the 6–4, 290-pounder recorded 6½ sacks and led the Pac-10 with 19½ tackles for losses. He was the leader of a defense that ranked second in the country in rushing. Emtman, the first pick in the 1992 NFL draft, also won the Lombardi Award.



STEVE WOLTMANN

BUTKUS AWARD **ERICK ANDERSON** **MICHIGAN LINEBACKER**

In earning the award for best linebacker in the nation, Anderson ended his career at Michigan by leading the team in tackles all four years he played. He recorded 120 tackles, 92 solo, in '91. Eleven of his stops were for losses. The 6–2, 234-pounder tied for the Big Ten lead with three fumble recoveries. Including four bowl games, Anderson totaled 428 tackles in his four seasons with the Wolverines.



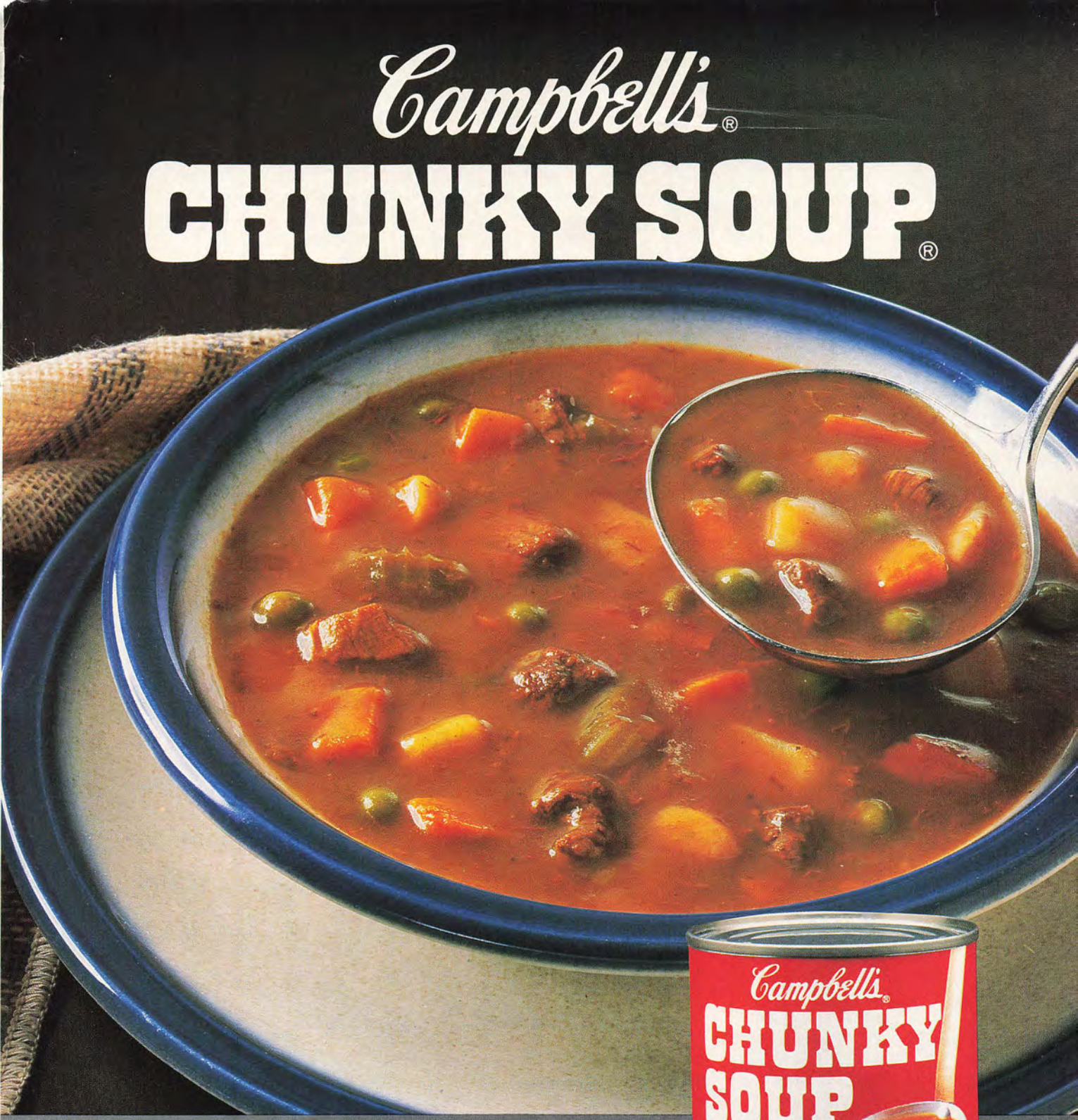
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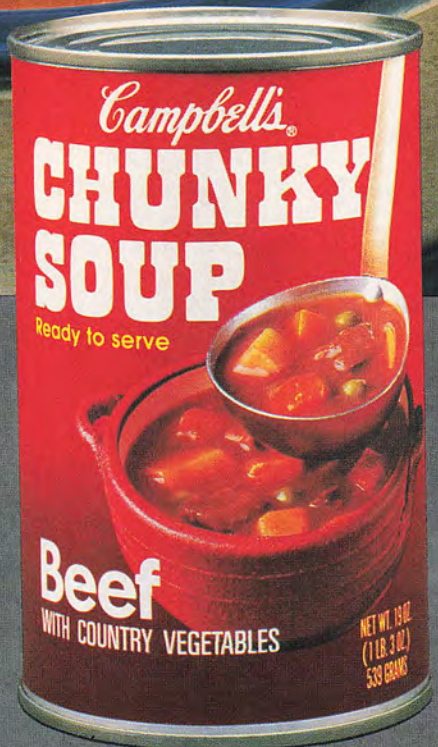
JIM THORPE AWARD **TERRELL BUCKLEY** **FLORIDA STATE CORNERBACK**

After totaling nine interceptions in his first two seasons, Buckley pulled in 12 last year to lead the nation. He returned two of his interceptions for touchdowns, 71 yards against Virginia Tech and 40 yards against Michigan. Buckley also returned kickoffs and punts, averaging 23.4 and 9.4 yards. Just a junior last season, the 5–10, 175-pounder was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in the first round.

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RAY LEE JOHNSON

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sition, though Crowe says, "We can't lean on them like we did last year."

Along with Kelly, junior linebacker Darwin Ireland (6–1, 218), who had 90 tackles last season, and end Henry Ford (6–4, 262) are the stalwarts of the defense.

Senior Scott Long (6–4, 260) will step out from behind Kelly to replace graduated MacKenzie Phillips at tackle. Ray Lee Johnson (6–3, 231), a senior end, fills out the front.

The lone question at linebacker is in the middle, where leading tackler Mick Thomas is gone. The job will go either to junior Kelly Yeager (6–0, 215) or perhaps junior college All-American Kevin Kempf (6–3, 230), who enrolled in January. Ireland and sophomore Willie Johnson (6–1, 208) are on the weak side, and juniors Tyrone Chatman (5–10, 212) and Demetrius Smith (6–1, 216) are on the strong side.

The secondary is as uncertain as quarterback. The only returnee from last year's game-breaking unit is Orlando Watters, a junior. The replacements come from a pool that includes senior Gary Adams and juniors Alfred Jackson and Ivan Pickett at safety, and junior Kerry Kennedy and sophomore Kotto Cotton at cornerback. There are also two newcomers: freshman recruit Tracy Cantlope of Dothan, Ala., who rated among the top six corners in the country, and Del Delco, a Prop 48 casualty last year who opted to go to school part-time, improve his ACT test score, and sign again with four years eligibility.

Senior kicker Todd Wright (12 of 17 on field-goal tries) and junior punter Pete Raether (43.6-yard average) were among the best in the SWC last year.

Kelly, like many Razorbacks a native of Texas, says there are mixed emotions.

"Sure, my mind is on a roller coaster and sometimes this (change) bothers me," he says. "But all my life I've heard about the mystique of playing at places like Alabama or Auburn or in Knoxville. I'll get that chance.

"And from what we saw against Georgia and Ole Miss, the teams in the SEC play smash-mouth, down-and-dirty football, where everybody's bleeding, and you're yelling and talkin' noise at the other guy. And I love it! You wake up sore and it's the best feeling in the world. Heck, against Houston, you don't even feel it the next day. All you do is run around after the passer like a bunch of idiots." ■

Let's make this perfectly clear: It is absolutely, positively not true that Joe Frazier never played in the offensive backfield before arriving at Auburn University.

"I got in two plays as a blocker my senior year (at Montgomery's Sidney Lanier High School)," says Frazier, a sophomore. "The rest of the time I was on defense. In practice, they let me carry the ball a bit but never in a game. When you're my size (6–0, 193), playing nose guard is enough. Defense has been my life.

"I was active in track. I ran the 100 meters (10.59), triple-jumped (he led the nation for a while at 51–5½), long jumped, ran the first leg on the 400-meter relay and was on the 1,600-meter relay team."

That said, it's all the more mind-boggling that a school which has turned out running backs Bo Jackson, James Brooks, Joe Cribbs and Brent Fullwood would come up with a tailback who played strong safety as a high school sophomore and linebacker as a junior before switching to nose guard.

"I didn't think he was big enough to be a nose guard, but we needed one," says Charley Sikes, Frazier's high school coach. "He came to us from junior high as a 160-pound guard. He's the best defensive player I've ever coached. That's saying a lot because we've had some great players. He has more quickness and strength for his size than anybody I've coached."

The way Frazier wound up in Auburn's backfield can make you wonder about the accuracy of high-powered college football recruiting. Of course, there's no great demand for 190-pound nose guards at the Division I-A level, even an all-stater, so Frazier originally signed with I-AA Alabama A&M. He was released from that commitment because he was under 18 at the time, and his mother never signed the letter of intent.

Then Auburn called, but when Frazier made his recruiting visit he thought he was going to see track coach Mel Rosen. Funny how that man behind the desk resembled Pat Dye waving a football scholarship.

"I was kind of overwhelmed," Frazier recalls. "But he (Dye) said he knew about my time in the 100. He told me, 'With that kind of speed, you don't need to be playing nose guard. You need to be playing running back.' "

Says Dye: "I never saw him play football. I never saw him run track. It was a situation where our track coaches saw something—the way he moved his feet, his balance—that got us interested in offering him a football scholarship.

"When we recruited Joe, we really didn't know where we were going to play him. We lined him up at tailback because we needed depth. Joe started playing there and looked awful. He didn't know how to run, how to carry the ball or anything. We put him on the scout team and he had to run for his life. Then in the spring last year he started to come on."

"Everything is going better than I ever expected," Frazier says. "I'm doing things on the field I never thought I could do. It's so strange to be here playing football. It's even more strange to be playing running back. It's a totally different feeling from chasing the ball to running with it. With the type of backs Auburn has had over the years, I never saw myself playing in the backfield, or even playing football."

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Frazier's 1991 season was much better than Auburn's. While the once-mighty Tigers were suffering through their only losing campaign (5–6) since Dye's first season (1981), Frazier was scampering for 651 yards (4.7 average) and four touchdowns. He also caught 16 passes for 207 yards and a TD.

Tommy Bowden, Auburn's offensive coordinator, says: "He hustles. He knows his assignments better than anybody. He runs the ball like a nose guard, which means he tries to get every inch. He's tough. That's what you want. If he makes a mistake, he's going full-speed."

Running backs coach Bud Casey adds: "We want 11 on offense who will turn their bodies loose like that. You don't last a year (as a redshirt freshman in 1990) on the scout team going against our defense if you're not tough."

Dye says Auburn is well off at tailback "as long as they stay healthy," meaning Frazier, senior Alex Smith, redshirt freshman Dell McGee and possibly sophomore James Bostic.

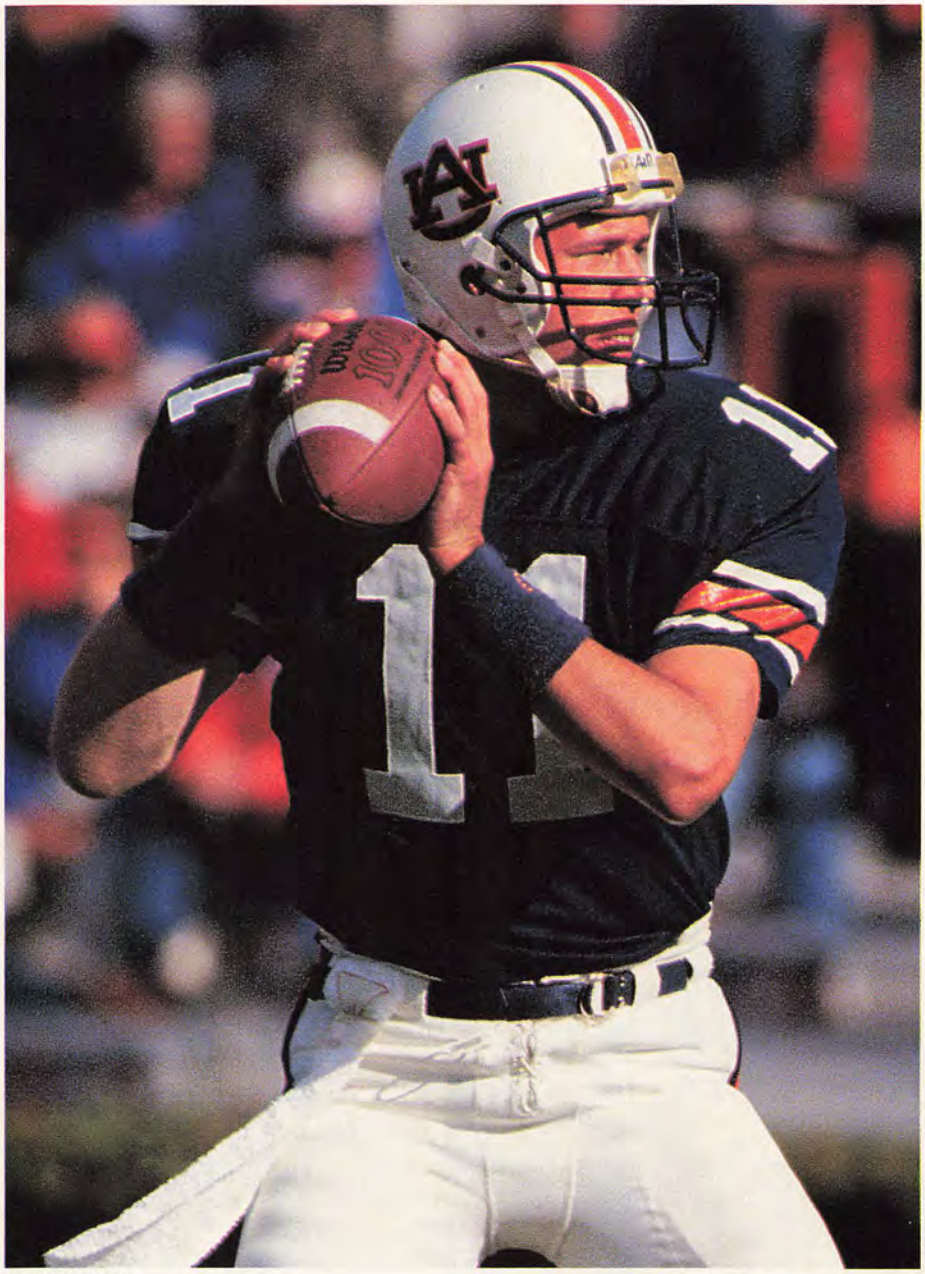
Dye isn't so sure about the rest of the squad. For the second year in a row, he is seeking a personality who will remind everyone of "that old fighting Auburn spirit. We have to establish ourselves as physical on both sides of the ball. Somewhere we've lost that edge."

The Eric Ramsey brouhaha didn't help. Last year the former Auburn defensive back charged some Auburn coaches with providing payments

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For someone who hadn't had much experience playing the position, Joe Frazier carried himself proficiently at running back: 651 yards in 1991.





MIKE MOORE

STAN WHITE

and some Auburn alumni with improper benefits in violation of NCAA rules, prompting Dye to call the 1991 season "the most adverse conditions I've been around."

Auburn said in the spring it was still conducting its own investigation into those charges and would have no further comment "until the internal investigation is complete, the results of that investigation turned over to the SEC and the NCAA, and a final resolution reached by all three entities."

Auburn returns 43 of 75 lettermen, including six starters on offense and five on defense.

Dye says the Tigers "have a lot of work to do with both the passing and running games. Probably our biggest concern from last year was our inability to score inside the 30-yard line."

The question to be answered is: Does Dye want to pound the ball on the ground, which is his style and that of great Auburn teams of the past, or throw it? With quarterback coach Pat Sullivan now head coach at TCU—he took linebackers coach Reggie Herring with him—it will be Bowden's offense.

The word is that Auburn still will throw the ball, but there will be a renewed emphasis on toughness and the ability to run, with the option game possibly making a reappearance.

Junior Stan White has been the starting quarterback for two years and should be improved. Juniors Reid McMilion and Tony Richardson are experienced fullbacks who carry the ball only on occasion and are expected to block like tight ends.

The Tigers lost both starting wide receivers. Replacements probably will be sophomores Thomas Bailey, an explosive kick returner, and Frank Sanders. Senior Fred Baxter (6–4, 240) is the incumbent tight end.

Gone from the offensive line are the center and both guards, leaving tackles Chris Gray (6–4, 271, senior) and Wayne Gandy (6–4, 283, junior) as the only holdovers. Junior Anthony Redmon (6–4, 276) could switch from tackle to guard, where he would battle junior Ernest Wallace (6–3, 285) and sophomores Brian Osborn (6–6, 281) and Chris Holland (6–5, 227). The race at center includes junior Greg Thompson (6–3, 255), sophomore Todd Boland (6–4, 255) and redshirt freshman Shannon Roubique (6–1, 260).

Auburn switched to a 4–3 defensive alignment a year ago, and it didn't work well. At times, the Tigers appeared so uncomfortable that they reverted to a semblance of the 5–2.

Dye wants a better pass-rush, especially from the ends. Returning starter Ricky Sutton (6–3, 263, senior), junior Jason Merchant (6–4, 230), and sophomores Alonzo Etheridge (6–4, 251), Willie Whitehead (6–2, 227) and Ace Atkins (6–2, 231) are in the picture on the flanks. Seniors Tim Cromartie (6–2, 269), a 1991 regular, and Chuckie Johnson (6–3, 280) probably will man the tackle spots. There isn't much depth on the line.

The linebacking corps is solid with junior

BENNIE PIERCE



MIKE MOORE

James Willis (6–3, 231), seniors Karekin Cunningham (6–0, 220) and Bennie Pierce (6–1, 235), sophomores Mike Pelton (6–3, 235) and Carlos Thornton (6–1, 225), and redshirt freshman Anthony Harris (6–2, 225).

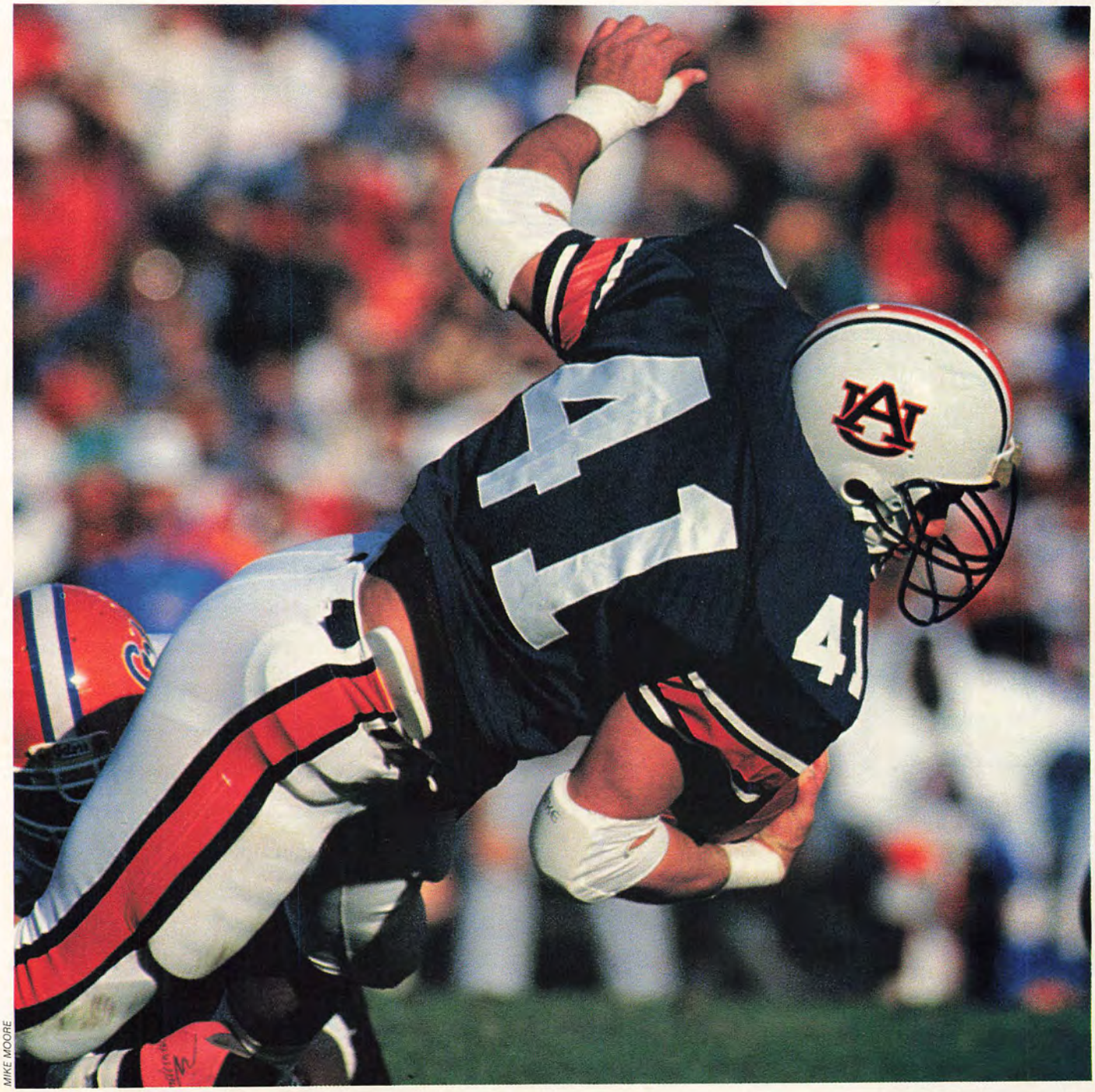
The top hand in the secondary—and only returning starter—is sophomore cornerback Fred Smith. Other starters are junior cornerback Mike Pina, senior strong safety Clarence Morton and sophomore free safety Chris Shelling.

Punter Thery George (36.8-yard average), a junior, returns. The new placekicker will come from among last year's backups, junior Tony Amason and sophomore Scott Etheridge, and junior college transfer Jason Stoft.

"Our strong point would be that we have enough ability to have a chance, and a chance is all we ever asked for," Dye says. "We don't have as much ability as we had last year, or in years past."

Dye calls the schedule "the toughest we've had since we've been at Auburn," but that's only to be expected from a coach who spent nine years, as an assistant coach at Alabama, learning how to poor-mouth from Bear Bryant. Actually, the first five games include four opponents with losing 1991 records and a Division I-AA team. There are open dates before Georgia and Alabama, and seven games will be played at Auburn's Jordan-Hare Stadium. ■

REID McMILION



MIKE MOORE

Everett Lindsay came to Mississippi with no guarantee.

He was a walk-on at Ole Miss, an offensive lineman who had only one year's experience as a high school player.

Rebel coaches liked what they saw on the outside, a 6–5, 280-pound athlete with excellent speed and strength. But it was up to Lindsay to sell them on what was on the inside.

It didn't take him long. After one season, Lindsay had earned himself a grant-in-aid, and now, two years later, the senior is being touted for All-America honors and has attracted the interest of professional scouts.

That's a quantum leap.

"I felt all along I had the potential," says Lindsay, a powerful mainstay in the Rebels' offensive front. "All I asked for was a chance, and the coaches were willing to give it to me. I didn't have any sort of guarantee other than that I would be given an opportunity to prove myself. I understood that if I did that, then I would at least be considered for a scholarship. I looked on it as a challenge and incentive to do well."

While Lindsay's size helped get him the attention of college recruiters, ironically it worked against him as a youngster growing up in Raleigh, N.C.

"It seemed like I was always too big for my age group in the youth football leagues," Lindsay recalls. "That's why I didn't play. In high school I became involved in baseball and didn't think much about football until my senior year. After I finally started to play, I became fascinated by it. I guess I had a lot of natural ability, size and speed, and that helped me overcome a lack of experience.

"But then, after I got to college, I found I had to start over and learn a whole new game. On that level a lineman can't get by on just size and speed. Everybody you play is big and fast. So you have to learn the offense and the techniques as well.

"I spent my first season on the scout team, which was frustrating because I knew I had to make an impression on the coaches, and at times I felt I wasn't getting to do much. But I guess they were paying more attention to me than I thought, because the next year they offered me a scholarship."

Lindsay's coaches weren't disappointed. He was a starter the last two seasons, grading high in every game. Last year he was named to *The NFL Draft Report* All-America team and the Associated Press All-Southeastern Conference second team.

"I don't get too caught up in personal honors," says Lindsay. "We offensive linemen know we're playing a position that normally doesn't get a lot of attention. But we know when we play well, and our coaches and teammates know it. That's all that matters."

Despite the personal achievements and accolades, Lindsay shared the frustrations of his fellow Rebels as they posted a 5–6 record last season, including a bitter 1–6 mark in the SEC.

"It was extremely disappointing," says Lindsay. "We got into a downslide and couldn't stop. It seemed like something bad would hit us every game.

"Coach (Billy) Brewer and the rest of the coaches did their best to get things straightened out, but we never could. We'd play well for a while, then a bad break would kill us. Coach Brewer tried to keep a positive outlook but you could see the disappointment. It hurt him, just like it hurt us."

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Lindsay says last year's stumble makes a good start this season even more imperative.

"Absolutely. I feel like we really need to start well and snap out of what was bothering us last season. It's necessary for us to win early. Football's not like basketball, where you can get off to a bad start and still have plenty of time to turn it around. In football you have such a limited number of games. You can't afford to lose many early games and still hope to have a good season."

Last season's disappointments won't affect this season's outlook, vows Lindsay. "The mood of the team is positive," he says. "I don't detect a negative mood at all. We've got last season out of our heads. We're looking at it as a fresh start, and that's especially important for us seniors, because it's our last shot. The majority of our team will be back, bigger and stronger, and there's no reason why we can't get things turned around."

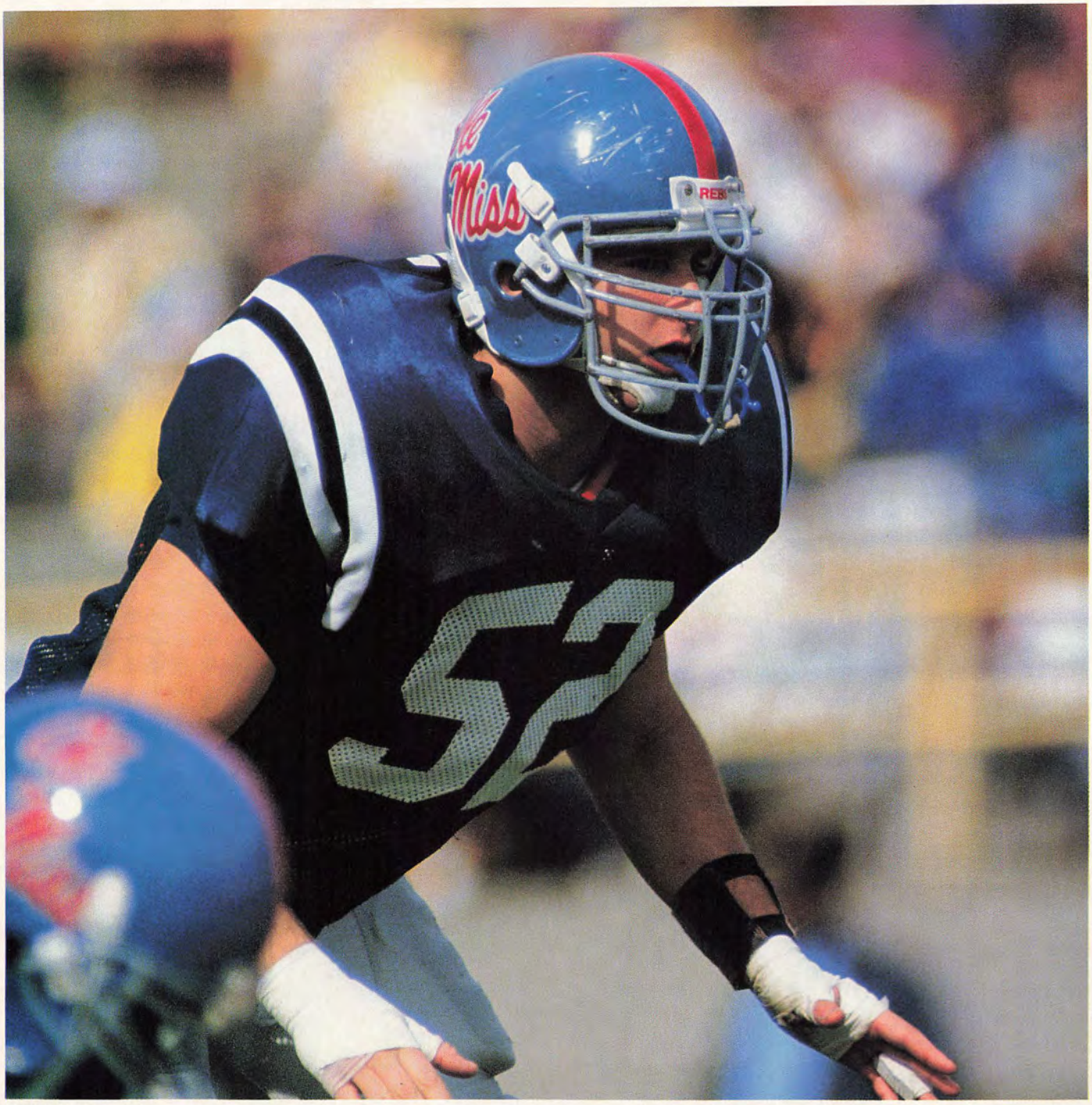
Brewer didn't take last season's losing record sitting down. He is charging full-steam into his 10th season at his alma mater with a revamped offense and defense, determined to rekindle the old Rebel fire.

Brewer brought in Larry Beckish as the new

MIKE MOORE

Everett Lindsay towers over opposing defensive linemen, a fact that should earn the senior tackle plenty of accolades.


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MICHAEL HEBERT

GARY ABIDE

offensive coordinator and changed from split backs to the I alignment. Keith Daniels, a former Rebel assistant, has returned to help run the new offense as running backs coach.

At the reins of the new offense will be senior quarterback Russ Shows, one of 20 returning offensive lettermen. Shows enters his final season as one of the highest-ranked quarterbacks at a school that has produced some dandies over the years. Shows ranks sixth in career passing with 2,378 yards and 12th in career total offense (2,488). Last year's total of 1,369 yards passing ranks him 12th in the school record book. For the last two seasons, Shows has swapped playing time with classmate Tom Luke in a two-quarterback system, but this fall he could be alone at the top. Luke missed the critical spring practice to play baseball, and after falling behind in the new offense was even uncertain of returning to the team.

Junior running back Marvin Courtney is another key returning starter. He was one of the most underrated backs in the SEC last season, when he ranked third in the league in scoring (68 points). Courtney was the team's second-leading rusher (454 yards) and ranked second in receiving with 22 catches. Also returning in the backfield is sophomore Dou Innocent, the team's third-leading rusher last season in average per carry (4.8 yards).

The new offensive attack emphasizes the fullback, and the Rebels will trot out two junior college transfers at that position. Jon Bell and Jeremy Veasley enrolled in time for spring drills after playing for national junior college champion Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. Veasley averaged 9 yards per carry in '91. Bell had only 25 carries but averaged 10 yards.

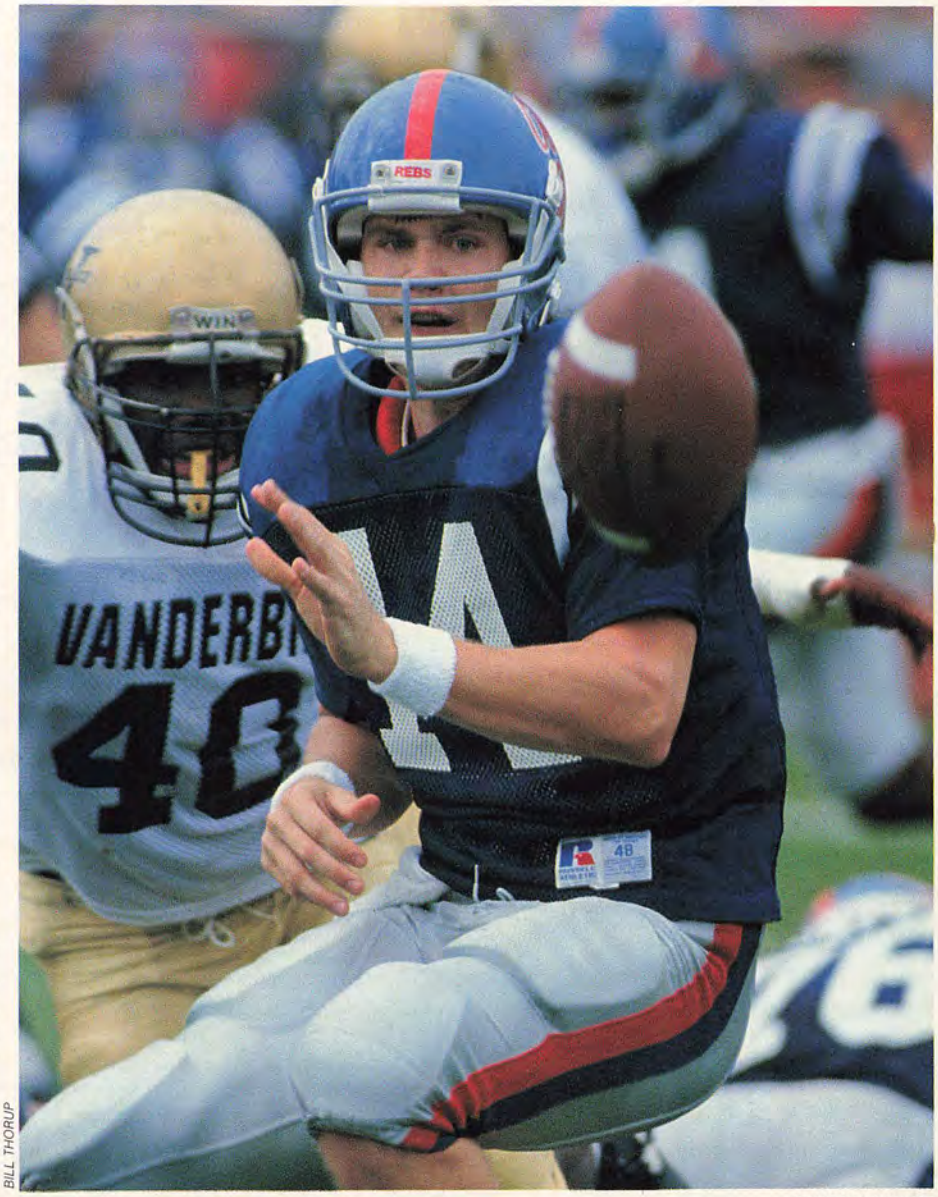
Junior split end Eddie Small is the primary target in the passing game.

In addition to Lindsay, Ole Miss has experienced offensive linemen in junior tackles Clint Conlee (6–4, 270) and Burkes Brown (6–5, 260); centers Franz Lorio (6–0, 225), a junior, and Abner White (6–2, 245), a senior; and guards Wesley Melton (6–5, 261) and Joel Jordan (6–2, 269), both juniors. Junior Thomas McLeish (6–2, 235) and sophomore Chris Turner (6–3, 220) both saw action at tight end last season.

Brewer's staff shuffle did not stop with the offense. Four new defensive assistants are also on board this season, including defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn, who is in charge of putting the Rebels' roar back in the "50" defense. Brewer's team, known for its defensive intensity, should be at home with the attacking, blitzing new scheme.

Twenty-six lettermen return on defense, including five starters. Leading the list is inside linebacker Gary Abide, a 6–0, 235-pound senior who led the team in tackles last season with 111. Abide racked up a career-high 16 tackles against both Memphis State and Vanderbilt.

Two other defensive all-star candidates will line up in the backfield. Johnny Dixon, a junior strong safety, has a reputation as one of the hardest hitters in the league and was the Rebels' second-leading tackler with 105. That total ranked him second among SEC defensive backs.



BILL THORUP

RUSS SHOWS

MARVIN COURTNEY



BILL THORUP

Dixon also broke the Ole Miss record for pass breakups with 13. Gerald Vaughn, a senior, operates at free safety. Despite missing two games last season due to injury, Vaughn still recorded 46 tackles and had two interceptions.

Other experienced defensive backs include sophomore free safety Bert Carruth, senior strong safety Trea Southerland, and senior cornerbacks Danny Boyd and Dwayne Amos. In addition to Abide, top linebacker prospects are junior Derrick King (6–0, 230), sophomores Deano Orr (6–1, 210) and Abdul Jackson (6–0, 234), and senior Lynn Ross (6–0, 220).

At nose guard, juniors Brian Mays (6–3, 250) and Sean O'Malley (5–9, 255) will vie for playing time. Contenders at tackle include seniors Chad Brown (6–7, 265), Artis Ford (6–3, 260) and Brian Harper (6–5, 270). Seniors Jack Muirhead (6–1, 220) and Jody Hill (6–0, 219) are defensive end candidates.

Richard Chisolm, a senior, is back to handle the punting. Chisolm averaged 42.14 yards last year, third-best in the SEC. Four of his punts were fair-caught and three were downed inside the 20.

Brian Lee, another senior, handles placekicking. Lee enters his final season ranked fourth among Ole Miss kickers in career scoring with 137 points. His total puts him seventh on the all-time scoring list. Lee's 64 points last season ranked second among SEC kickers.

"The talent is here," says Lindsay, "and the coaches are determined to get the most out of it. I think all the ingredients are here for us to have a good season. I can't wait to get started and get this team back on a winning track." ■

Willie Jackson wasn't even born when his father made history in 1970 as the first black football player at the University of Florida. A year later, though, he was on the sideline in his mother's arms, wrapped in a Gator jersey so tiny you hardly could tell what number he was wearing.

Not surprisingly, it was the same number he wears today, and the same number his father wore then. Willie Jackson Sr., No. 22, was a wide receiver and pioneer at Florida. Willie Jackson Jr., No. 22, is a wide receiver and proud.

"It makes you feel good to know your father stuck it out back in those times and paved the way for everyone else," Jackson Jr. says. "You have to admire the man. It's not something we talked about a lot when I was growing up, but it's something I was aware of. And now I get asked about it all the time. It was a dream of mine for as long as I can remember to follow him at Florida."

Jackson Sr. was never a superstar on the field, but he was a leader in a bigger sense. He came at a time of social unrest, when integration was just beginning in the South and when civil rights marches were big news. It was a time when black students on campus threatened a walkout over issues. It was just two years after Southeastern Conference football had its first black letterman, a wide receiver at Tennessee named Lester McClain.

"Back then, we didn't look at it like we were pioneers or reformists," says Jackson Sr., now a fitness coordinator for the recreation department in Jacksonville, Fla. "We just wanted to play football and get a good education."

Jackson Jr., one of 53 black players the Gators dressed for the 1992 USF&G Sugar Bowl, has become a leader in a different way. He is one of the stars of the defending SEC champions.

He led the SEC in 1991 with 10 touchdown catches, second-most in Florida history. He caught 51 passes, second in the conference, and averaged 14.2 yards per catch. Hardly noticed when the season began, Jackson didn't become a starter until the final five games, but he made good use of his time.

He had seven catches for 80 yards and three touchdowns against Georgia, 12 catches for 157 yards against Auburn, eight catches for 148 yards and a touchdown against Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl, and at least two catches in each of Florida's 12 games last season, earning second-team All-SEC honors.

All of this was accomplished without the blinding speed that so many receivers have today. Jackson did it with good football sense, an ability to read defenses and run precise pass routes, and exceptional hands. He rarely is able to out-race today's speedy defensive backs but rarely is beaten to the ball. He has a 39-inch vertical leap and deceptive elusiveness. Jackson's long, graceful strides only make him look slow.

"I think I dropped four passes last season, but my goal this year is to go the whole season without dropping one," Jackson says. "It's possible. At one time, that's all I had going for me. I could hold onto the ball. It's just a matter of concentration."

Jackson began fall practice a year ago as a second-string wide receiver, coming off one season as a redshirt and a second season of working mostly on the scout team, seeing game action for only 17 plays.

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It wasn't until he temporarily moved to running back last spring, running sweeps and draws for the scout team, that people began to see his athletic ability.

Jackson came to Florida unheralded for a variety of reasons. He was not recruited heavily because, although big enough (6–1, 194), he lacked speed and played at a small high school, Gainesville (Fla.) P.K. Yonge. There were questions as to whether he could move successfully to the next level. It actually took some encouragement from alumni and a friend of Jackson Sr. to convince the coaching staff to offer him one of their final scholarships.

"He was the real surprise of the year," Florida coach Steve Spurrier says. "But sometimes it's the last recruit, the guy you're not too sure about, who turns into your best receiver. And the guys you beg and plead with to come don't do anything at all."

In his first two years at Florida, Jackson was better-known as the little-used wide receiver who made the basketball team as a walk-on. But once quarterback Shane Matthews started throwing to him, Jackson became Matthews' favorite third-down target. Nine of his 12 catches in the victory over Auburn were for first downs.

"I know the game. Maybe that came from my father," Jackson says. "I don't have great speed,

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Florida likes its investment in receiver Willie Jackson: He scored a touchdown on every fifth catch he made in '91.


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but you don't have to have great speed to be a good receiver. You just have to know how to find the open spot and read the defense on the run. I just try to stay focused and get better every time out."

In the last five games of the season, Jackson had 35 catches for 476 yards (95.2 yards per game). He caught at least one touchdown pass in seven regular-season games. His 725 receiving yards were third best in the SEC.

By contrast, Jackson Sr. took three seasons to catch his 75 passes for 1,167 yards and eight touchdowns. He had good years, but never great ones. Jackson Jr., with two seasons of eligibility remaining, already has more touchdown catches and should pass his father in receptions and yards early this season.

With Matthews, the two-time SEC Player of the Year, returning at quarterback, Jackson should be looking at another banner season in Florida's fun-and-gun offense.

"We have to put last season out of our minds and start all over," Jackson says. "The only way we can repeat as champs is if we realize we have to get better. You don't win by standing still."

The Gators (10–2) are coming off their first official SEC football championship and their first perfect (7–0) SEC record. In the past two seasons they were 13–1 against SEC competition. Florida finished No. 7 in the final AP college football poll.

Although the coaching staff must rebuild both the offensive and defensive lines, the outlook is promising because of the returning skill-position players. The Gators have four offensive and seven defensive starters returning.

"We're pretty much right where we were the past two seasons," Spurrier says. "We lost some quality players, but we also return some. If we get the right kind of leadership, deal with some areas of concern, avoid key injuries and young players step forward, we will be good again."

Matthews, who finished fifth in last season's Heisman Trophy balloting, has a chance to join Herschel Walker as the only three-time SEC Player of the Year. Entering his senior season, he already holds 21 Florida and six SEC records.

Matthews threw for 6,082 yards and 51 touchdowns the past two seasons. His 28 touchdown passes in '91 set a single-season conference record. His 3,130 yards last fall were the second-most in SEC history. His 10 300-yard passing games already are the most in conference history.

Matthews will have most of his favorite targets at wide receiver returning. Jackson, junior Harrison Houston and senior Tre Everett finished 1–2–3 in touchdown catches in the SEC last season. Junior Monty Duncan can help.

Junior Errict Rhett, who led the conference in rushing with 1,109 yards, returns at tailback. He also caught 40 passes for 361 yards. His backup should be sophomore Kedra Malone. After losing two-year starter Dexter McNabb at

fullback, the Gators will look at junior Kelvin Randolph and sophomore Chris Bilkie.

The offensive line was hurt by graduation and only junior guard Jim Watson (6–2, 289) returns to the starting lineup. Joining him at guard will be senior Dexter Smith (6–2, 287), a former defensive tackle, junior Brian Fisher (6–5, 280), sophomores Craig Carey (6–2, 289) and David Swain (6–3, 251), and redshirt freshman Scott Joslyn (6–3, 305), who also may play tackle.

The other tackle candidates are junior Ryan Taylor (6–4, 284), sophomores Dean Golden (6–5, 259) and Greg Gingeleski (6–9, 281) and redshirt freshman Jerry Scranton (6–4, 274). Junior Gantt Crouch (6–2, 268) is the center.

Juniors Charlie Dean (6–2, 231) and Greg Keller (6–4, 241) will battle at tight end.

Defensively, the Gators could be improved over last season when they ranked third in the SEC by allowing 307.6 yards per game. They allowed just 10.6 points per game in conference competition.

The secondary remains intact with senior free safety Will White as the leader. He has been a starter since midway through his freshman season in 1989. White is a two-time All-SEC selection who has 13 career interceptions, tying a school record. The Gators are solid at cornerback with sophomore Larry Kennedy, who had 70 tackles, and seniors Del Speer and Lawrence Hatch.

Florida's 4–4–3 scheme calls for two players who function as a combination outside linebacker and strong safety. One of those, called the banditback, will be senior Myrick Anderson (5–11, 211), with redshirt freshman Ben Hanks (6–1, 207) in reserve. The other position, gatorback, will be filled by senior Monty Grow (6–3, 216) unless senior Marquette Oliver (5–9, 207) can dislodge him.

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Senior Carlton Miles (6–1, 237), who led the team with 102 tackles last season, returns at inside linebacker; however, he missed spring practice because of back surgery stemming from an injury sustained in the Sugar Bowl. The other linebacker is expected to be junior Ed Robinson (6–0, 228), who had 77 tackles.

The Gators return quality starters at defensive end in seniors Harvey Thomas (6–4, 231) and Darren Mickell (6–4, 276). Thomas began his Gator career at tight end, but he converted nicely to defense with 57 tackles in 11 regular-season starts in '91. He missed spring practice because of a broken bone in his leg. Mickell missed the first five games last season, but he played especially well in the second half of the season.

Defensive tackle could be a problem area with the loss of starters Brad Culpepper and Tony McCoy, both All-SEC players. Junior William Gaines (6–5, 281) and sophomore Ellis Johnson (6–2, 268) look like the favorites to replace them. Junior Rod Whited (6–1, 241) and redshirt freshman Mark Campbell (6–1, 269) will get playing time, too.

The Gators lost placekicker Arden Czyzewski but they return sophomore Shayne Edge, one of the nation's finest punters. Edge averaged 43.3 yards last season and was All-SEC. Top candidates to replace Czyzewski are sophomore Kendall Cook and freshman Bart Edmiston. ■

On the first day of practice two seasons ago, Louisville's Ray Buchanan discovered he had to shift gears.

"I had always planned to run forward in college, and instead found I was going to be running backwards," recalls Buchanan, a senior.

Although he can chuckle about it now, Buchanan admits he didn't find the situation at all amusing when he showed up for practice and found—to his complete surprise—that he had been converted from wide receiver to free safety. Instead of darting downfield on pass patterns, Buchanan was informed he would be backpedaling, trying to cover members of his former receivers' fraternity.

"I was kind of upset," he says. "I had been recruited as a receiver and I felt that was where my main talents lay. Then I came out and they gave me a red jersey. I looked around, and all the offensive players were wearing white jerseys. That was the first time I realized I was playing defense. I said, Oh, oh, something's wrong. It came as a shock and it took awhile to sink in.

"I didn't like it at first, but then I gradually began to understand that the coaches had put me at a position where they felt I was most needed at the time. I decided I would have a chance to make the biggest impact there, get some immediate playing time and contribute to the team. So I just readjusted mentally. Instead of becoming a top receiver, I made up my mind to become the best defensive back I could be."

Buchanan has obviously succeeded in making the transition from pulling them in to picking them off.

The 5-9, 190-pound speedster from Maywood, Ill., was named the Defensive MVP of the Jan. 1, 1991, Fiesta Bowl, helping the Cardinals to a convincing victory over Alabama that put the icing on an incredible 10-1-1 season.

Last season Buchanan made 108 tackles and had eight interceptions, ranking him fourth nationally and earning him a spot on The Associated Press All-South Independent team.

"I think it all started with the Fiesta Bowl," says Buchanan. "That was the first time I really received much recognition. Last season I came back determined to pick up where I'd left off. I take a lot of pride in playing the position, and my goal this year is to be the No. 1 defensive back in the nation. I believe you should set standards for yourself, and I've set mine."

Buchanan says his experience as a wide receiver gives him an edge as a defensive back. He has been in the receiver's shoes, and now "I can get in his mind. I know what he's thinking in certain situations. I can anticipate what he's going to do, how he's going to break. Playing defensive back is as much reaction as anything, and I feel that I can anticipate and break on the ball better, because I'm thinking like a receiver. It's a definite advantage.

"As far as personal satisfaction goes, I get as much of a thrill out of breaking up a pass as I used to get catching one. And the interceptions are great. I still like to run with the ball when I get a chance."

"Ray is a very confident, outspoken young man," says Cardinals defensive backs coach Fred Manuel. "He is probably our overall best athlete. He has great instincts, and he is not bashful about laying his body out. He's a pleasure to work with."

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Despite Buchanan's personal accomplishments, Louisville's high-flying team encountered an air pocket last season. In the wake of their stunning season the year before, the Cardinals finished a disappointing 2-9.

"It was a strange feeling," says Buchanan. "Up to then, we'd been enjoying steady success, and we weren't used to losing. I know a lot of people considered us sort of a Cinderella story, but we felt we had established ourselves.

"Then all of a sudden, we had some bad luck and things went backwards. Looking back, though, part of our problem was understandable. We were a very young team, and on top of that we got some people hurt. So I don't think it was really a case of the program sliding back but more a case of a good program just having a bad season. We're going to bounce back from it. You wouldn't believe the attitude here; even the freshmen are talking about how determined they are. That's all you hear, that we're not going to let it happen again."

While Buchanan will be one of the keys on the defensive side of the football, a great deal of the Cardinals' offensive hopes center around junior halfback Ralph Dawkins. The 5-9, 205-pound running back led Louisville in rushing the last two years. After becoming the first freshman ever to lead the Cardinals in rushing (542 yards in 1990), Dawkins came back last year to top the team again with 622 yards on 154



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Free safety Ray Buchanan's Cardinal goal this season is to be the best defensive back in the country.

carries, a 4-yard average. He also caught 44 passes for 297 yards and two touchdowns.

Dawkins is one of 19 Louisville lettermen returning on offense. Only six were starters last season, but three figured in the Cards' passing game.

Sophomore Jamie Asher (6–3, 195) returns at tight end, where last year he caught 10 passes for 113 yards. Asher is contending with senior Jose Gonzalez (6–4, 209) for the job this season. Junior Kevin Cook lines up at flanker, where he made 16 catches for 243 yards and a touchdown. Greg Brohm, a senior split end, is coming off a season in which he caught 11 passes for 138 yards and one touchdown.

The other returning offensive starter is senior Kevin Blumeier (6–3, 268), who played in every game at left offensive tackle and is expected to hold onto the job this fall.

Senior Shawn Rodriguez (6–5, 242) is a leading candidate at right tackle, with senior Matt Axline (6–5, 260) at left guard, junior Dave Debold (6–2, 265) at right guard and junior Garin Patrick (6–2, 238) at center.

Joining Dawkins in the backfield at fullback will be either Terry Quinn or Chris Fitzpatrick, both sophomores.

Quarterback, always a strong suit in coach Howard Schnellenberger's schemes, will see the return of junior Jeff Brohm, who was injured in last season's second game and missed the rest of the year. Brohm, who had completed 24 of 47 passes for three touchdowns when he went out, is expected to pick up right where he left off. His backup is freshman Marty Lowe.

On defense, Louisville returns 19 lettermen. Seven starters, including Buchanan, are back.

Senior middle linebacker Andy Culley (6–3, 223) started every game last season, recording 82 tackles and 39 assists. He had a stellar day against Army with 29 tackles and two forced fumbles.

Linebacker Marcus Hill, a 6–0, 224-pound sophomore, finished the season playing well. Junior linebacker Ben Sumpter (6–1, 208) was selected as the Johnny Unitas Award winner for being the team's most inspirational player. Sumpter was the team's second-leading tackler last season with 111 and will be back at his right linebacker spot this fall.

Juniors Jim Hanna (6–4, 240) and Leonard Ray (6–3, 265) return at tackle. Sophomore Kendall Brown (6–3, 230) went into spring practice atop the depth chart at left end, with senior Brevin Smith (6–2, 232) at right end.

Junior Robert Knuutila will contend for a spot at cornerback, along with freshman Anthony Bridges, junior Kevin Gaines and senior Deral Boykin. Senior Rawle Bynoe is expected to start at rover.

Sophomore Brandon Brookfield will handle the punting. The placekicking job is apparently between redshirt freshman Ken Harnden and junior Chris Young.

Schnellenberger, heading into his eighth season at Louisville, said from the start that his goal was to build the Cardinals into a national championship contender. His teams had shown steady progress in that direction until last year, having posted 8–3, 6–5 and 10–1–1 marks from 1988-90. Schnellenberger had talked repeatedly about laying a steady but firm foundation for a program that would be second to none. So, with that in mind, how big a setback was last season's 2–9 record?

"It hurt but we're going to overcome it," says Buchanan, whose brother, Richard, was a standout receiver at Northwestern, a school Ray considered. "In fact, as I've said all along, I think we can use it for motivation. Last season was tough on everybody. I think all the players who came here to play for Coach Schnellenberger were aware of the big goals he had set.

"That's why we're here, because we share those same goals. We all wanted a chance to play on a championship team, and we haven't given up yet, not by any means. I believe in setting high personal goals for myself, and Coach Schnellenberger believes in setting high goals for our team. We think the same way." ■

Tide Dandiest Of SEC Dozen

By JOHN McBRYDE
Associate Editor

For the Alabama Crimson Tide, Sept. 14, 1991, is a forgettable date.

It was the day that Alabama was trounced by Florida 35–0, the Crimson Tide's worst defeat since losing to Auburn 40–0 in 1957. The blowout in Gainesville also marked the last time Alabama lost.

The '91 date just may resurface in December when the first-ever Southeastern Conference championship game between division winners is played in Birmingham, Ala. *Athlon* foresees a matchup between West winner Alabama and East winner Florida. Look for the Tide to avenge that embarrasing defeat to the Gators.

In his third season as head coach, Alabama's Gene Stallings welcomes back 15 starters, nine offensive and six defensive. The schedule, particularly the first half of it, is tailor-made for winning championships.

Stallings' biggest concern is the running game, which lost All-SEC running back Siran Stacy and fullback Kevin Turner. But there is optimism with Derrick Lassic, a senior who averaged 5.3 yards a carry last year.

Quarterback Jay Barker impressed as a redshirt freshman. Though he completed only 33 of 66 passes for 554 yards in a run-oriented attack, Barker is expected to pass more in '92. Protected by a line that returns all five starters, Barker has excellent targets in David Palmer, Prince Wimbley and Kevin Lee.

The Tide's defense should be one of the best in the nation. Ends John Copeland and Eric Curry combined for 111 tackles and 11 sacks. Outside linebacker Antonio London is a solid All-SEC candidate, as are free safety George Teague and cornerback Antonio Langham.

If Alabama meets Florida in the championship game, it will have to contend with quarterback Shane Matthews, who has led the SEC in passing the last two years. Matthews' favorite receivers last season, Willie Jackson and Harrison Houston, gained 1,343 yards and scored 18 touchdowns between them. Running back Errict Rhett led the conference in rushing with 1,109 yards on 224 carries.

Seven starters are back on a defense that ranked third in the league. All-SEC free safety Will White heads the unit.

Encouraged by what Jackie Sherrill accomplished in his first season as coach at Mississippi State, the Bulldogs feel they have a good shot at winning their first SEC title since 1941. Eighteen starters return from a team that finished 7–5.

Derrick Oden (56) and Antonio London (55) are keys to Alabama's reaching the top.



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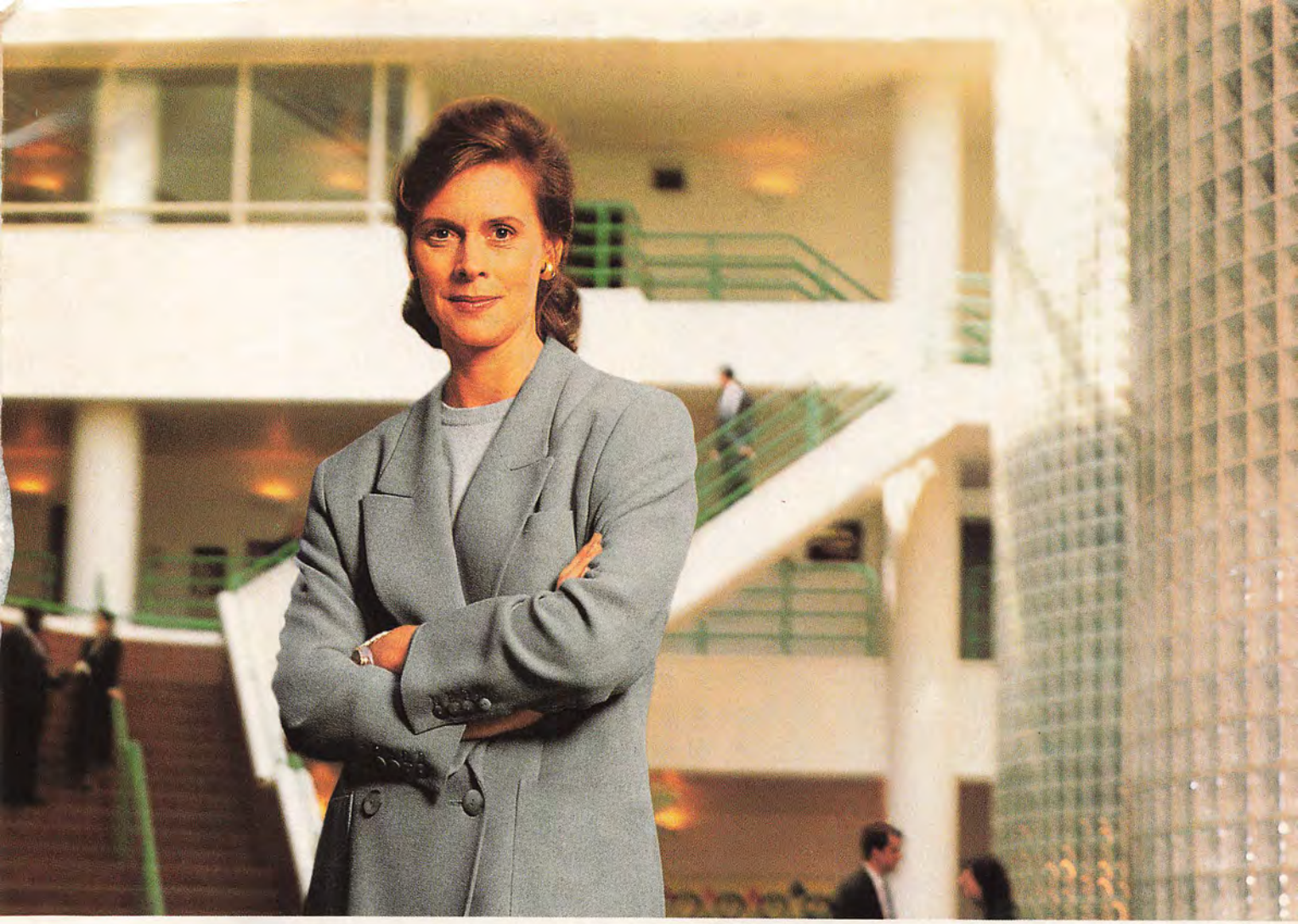
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Quarterback Sleepy Robinson, who ranked second in the SEC in passing effiency and third in total offense, is the key to the Bulldogs' balanced offense. He rushed for 543 yards, while returning running backs Kenny Roberts and

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FLORIDA STATE VS. MIAMI

By BILL McGROTHA
Tallahassee Democrat

Bill Peterson, former Florida State coach, may have put it best with one of his malaprops.

"These are the kind of games," he said before a Florida State-Miami game, "that coaches strive on."

It is a series that Miami certainly has thrived on lately. But then, the Hurricanes have thrived on just about every team that has gotten in their way while winning four national championships in the past nine seasons.

Florida State has strived better than any during that span. The Seminoles have beaten Miami twice in those nine years. But three times they have lost by a point, falling 17–16 in 1983 and 1991, and 26–25 in a memorable 1987 shootout.

"It's funny—well, it's not funny," says Florida State coach Bobby Bowden. "Miami was the team of the '80s. With about two more points a game (against Miami), Florida State would have been the team of the '80s."

Incredibly, in a 35-game series that Miami leads 21 to 14, there have been six one-point decisions. Florida State has lost all of them. The others: 7–6 in 1959 and 1962, and 10–9 in 1980.

Bowden has been the victim of four of the one-point defeats. Two may have cost him national titles.

In a talk at Miami earlier this year, Bowden jested about his national-championship frustration as he waved a hand.

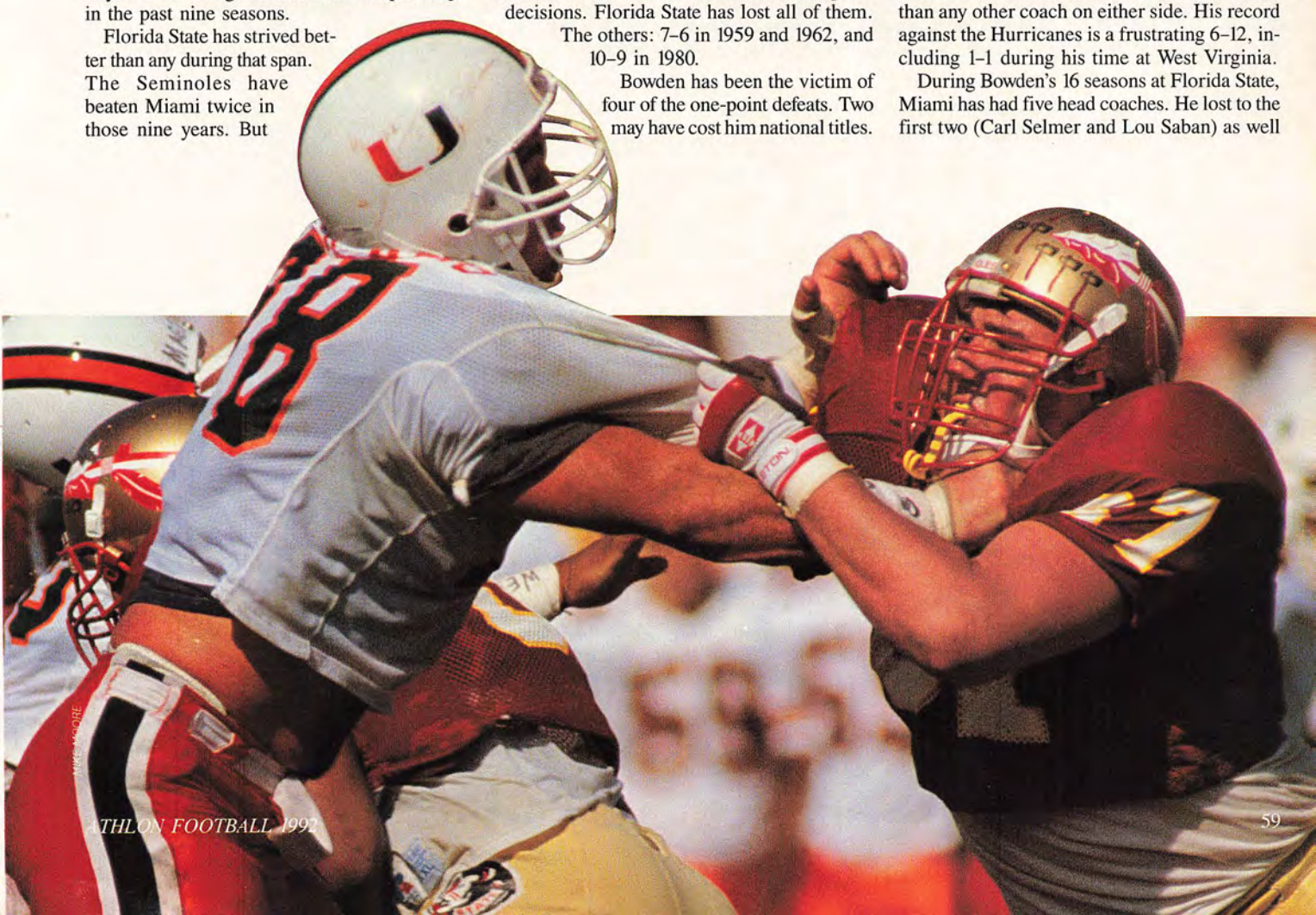
"I solved that business," he said. "I got me one of them rings."

Bowden moved his hand to eye level and read what he said was the inscription:

"National champions 1991, '92, '93, '94. Love, Mother."

Bowden has been more involved in this series than any other coach on either side. His record against the Hurricanes is a frustrating 6–12, including 1–1 during his time at West Virginia.

During Bowden's 16 seasons at Florida State, Miami has had five head coaches. He lost to the first two (Carl Selmer and Lou Saban) as well



as the last three (Howard Schnellenberger, Jimmy Johnson and Dennis Erickson).

When Bowden took over at Florida State in 1976, he inherited a team that had gone 4–29 in the previous three seasons. In his second game, Miami blew out the Seminoles 47–0.

"I was thinking we were finally going to win a game," says Bowden, noting that Miami had gone 2–8 the previous year. "They kick off. We fumble. They score. They kick off again. We throw a pass. They intercept. They score again. It was 27–0 in the first quarter. At the end, it was 47–0. It could have been 100–0."

Bowden's teams got better. But Miami was usually a little better.

Twice in the last four years, Florida State has been a consensus preseason choice to win it all. Each time Miami got in the way.

Last year the Hurricanes dealt the Seminoles their first loss after 16 straight victories, including 10 straight that season. Bowden believes his team was so devastated by the disappointment of a game it lost when a last-minute field goal sailed wide right by inches that it precipitated the 14–9 defeat by Florida in the last regular-season game.

A difference of inches might summarize most of the unusual games between these two. But more than inches mark this relationship.

"This series with Miami," says Bowden, "differs from others in the fact it has gained as much national prestige as any collegiate game in the country. The implications in the last five years have been greater than, say, Ohio State-Michigan, Auburn-Alabama, Southern Cal-UCLA, Notre Dame-Southern Cal—or any others you can name."

With such national impact, Bowden wonders if the series with Florida, Florida State's historic blood rival, is as big as it once was.

"To me, I don't know," he says. "To me, Miami is now our No. 1 rival instead of Florida. From my standpoint, developments have shifted the center of gravity to Miami, not Gainesville."

Miami seems to have had the fates on its side. Strange things happen when these two play—bad things for Bowden's Seminoles.

"Wide right" last season was a notable example.

Bowden's first one-point loss to the Hurricanes, in 1980, came when the Seminoles suddenly found themselves without a center. In the previous game, the top two centers were lost to injury.

"We started a guard at center," Bowden recalls. "He couldn't snap. We had 10 center-quarterback fumbles. Miami got five of 'em."

Florida State lost when Miami nose tackle Jim Burt managed to get his helmet in the way of a late two-point pass following a touchdown. The receiver was open.

The Seminoles also had acute trouble with inexperience at center when Miami romped 31–0 in the 1988 opener. Misfortune at that position seems to be a common thread in defeats by the Hurricanes.

"I guess I've lost as much sleep over the losses in '87 and '91 as any games in my 38 years of coaching," Bowden says. "You look back at such weird things. One time I had a center snap the ball over a kicker's head before the holder was ready."

Instead of an early field goal that may have made a difference, the ball sailed 51 yards downfield. And Miami was the team that got a field goal and a 3–0 lead (this was in 1987).

"In the same game, we were threatening to score when we had a fumbled exchange," Bowden remembers. "One of our guys inadvertently kicked the ball right to their safety, who fell on top of it."

Florida State built a 19–3 lead in the third quarter, but Steve Walsh threw three late touchdown passes and completed 2-point passes after the first two.

"I cannot explain it," says Bowden, referring mainly to the losses in '87 and '91, "except there was magnificent play by Miami. Still, we were playing in Tallahassee and got a good lead both times. I think we had better ball clubs. And yet we still get beat."

The home field has often seemed a disadvantage in this bizarre series.

There was a time when Florida State seemed to own the Orange Bowl, a time when the Seminoles won eight straight there over the Hurricanes.

From 1963 through 1972 the two played seven times. During a period when the Seminoles were not drawing particularly well at home, they agreed to play every year at Miami in quest of a bigger payday.

Peterson, who coached Florida State for 11 seasons, won those first five games in the Orange Bowl, sometimes flying his team down the morning of a night game and returning home immediately after.

Florida State's odd Orange Bowl dominance continued under two coaches who followed Peterson. Larry Jones won there in '71 and '72. But in 1973 the Seminoles were beset by the hardest of times, going 0–11 under Jones, who was fired. Under a new coach, Darrell Mudra, the losing streak climbed to 20. Naturally, Florida State halted its losing run in the Orange Bowl, winning 21–14 in '74. The Seminoles' lead in Orange Bowl victories has dwindled in the wake of recent Miami dominance, but they are still ahead, 12 to 11, in games played there.

By 1973 the rivalry had become a genuine home-and-home series. Only two of the first 16 games, in 1957 and 1959, had been played in Tallahassee, and Miami won both.

And Miami continued to win in Tallahassee. Not until Bowden prevailed 40–23 in 1979 did Florida State beat Miami in Tallahassee's Doak Campbell Stadium. That was the year Schnellenberger came aboard as Miami's coach.

Miami has won 10 of 12 in Tallahassee.

"I don't think Tallahassee is an easy place to play," Schnellenberger says. "In fact, it is very tough there. First of all, you are playing a great football team every time you go to Doak Campbell Stadium. And the fans are loud. Not a whole lot of other people, you know, have won going in there."

Nor does Bowden consider the Orange Bowl a piece of cake, though he's won three of his five Miami victories there.

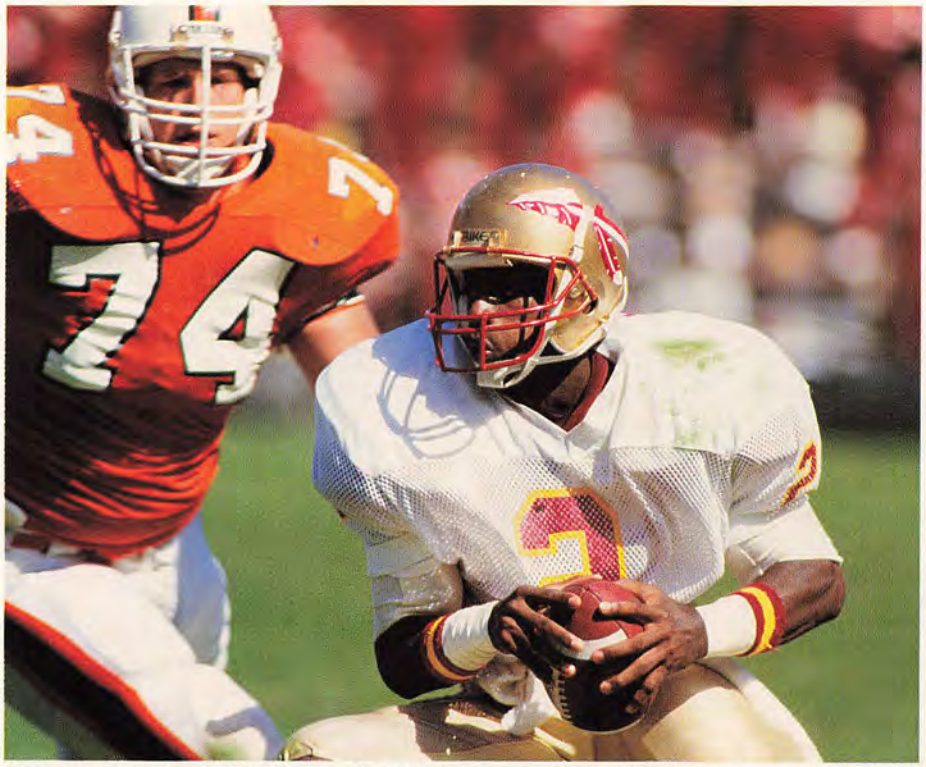
"It may be as tough a place to play as there is," he says, "now that they've got bigger crowds that are really into it."

Not many realize that football was in serious trouble at Florida State and Miami in the years immediately preceding the arrivals of Bowden and Schnellenberger.

J. Stanley Marshall, then Florida State president, had spoken of the possibility of the school giving up football unless supporters came up with quick money following the disastrous



Bobby Bowden (left) knows too well the talents of Dennis Erickson and former nemeses Howard Schnellenberger and Jimmy Johnson.



DAN HELMS

Deion Sanders dazzled during his Florida State career (1985-88) but was 0–4 against Miami.

season of '73. Miami, its Orange Bowl crowds down alarmingly, seemed in even greater danger of giving up football, just as it did basketball for 14 years.

"I remember both programs were about to sink," Bowden says.

Suddenly, things changed.

One year Schnellenberger asked Bowden to fly to Miami to help hype the Orange Bowl turnout, possibly an unprecedented request to a visiting coach during the week of the game. Bowden did fly down the Monday before the teams met on Saturday.

"Obviously, we were just trying to generate interest in Miami," Schnellenberger says. "We had a joint press conference. We had a weigh-in, kind of like boxers before a main event. I guess I weighed in a lot more than he did. But it worked out real well."

The next year Schnellenberger flew to Tallahassee on the Monday before the game. In a boxing ring, the two squared off with gloves on. The scene got lots of media exposure.

On another occasion the two posed as poker players, with an overhead camera showing each holding a royal flush.

The two constitute a mutual-admiration society that has hardly diminished in strength through changing times.

"Howard is close to being the best coach in the country," Bowden says. "Back then, I mean, as well as now."

Schnellenberger, who has been coaching at the University of Louisville for the last seven seasons, says he patterned much of what Miami was doing when he was there after what Bowden already had begun at Florida State.

"I was impressed with the way they handled their marketing, how they selectively enlarged their stadium, never to exceed known demands, never making it too big," Schnellenberger says. "And I had the greatest respect for Bobby, personally. A guy you've got to like—nonpretentious, never gives the appearance of being self-serving or egotistical. He exemplifies for me what a college coach should be. Probably it never has been calculated, the impact he has had not only on the athletic department but the university itself."

Notably because of Bowden and Schnellenberger, perhaps partially because the two schools are nearly 500 miles apart, Miami vs. Florida State evolved into an uncommonly friendly rivalry. Florida State seems always to have appreciated the fact that it was Miami that stuck its neck out and gave the Seminoles their first shot at a major college opponent.

An all-female school for several decades, Florida State enrolled men for the first time in 1946. A year later it fielded its first football team.

In 1951, the year after the Seminoles had gone 8–0 against opponents that included Troy State and a Howard (now Samford University) team on which Bowden played quarterback, Miami met Florida State in the Orange Bowl, winning 35–13.

Florida State has played Miami most years since and more times than any other opponent. Florida did not consent to play the Seminoles until 1958, and then only after the threat of legislative action to force them to do so.

In his five years at Miami, Schnellenberger beat Bowden three times, including twice by a single point. His 17–16 victory in late 1983 provided the springboard to a national-championship victory over Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

"More times than not the winner of this game has gone on to spectacular things," Schnellenberger says. "I don't know that any series has had more direct impact on the national championship. And I don't know of any decided so many times by one point. But maybe this series is especially outstanding because of the great respect the teams and fans have for each other, because of the great sportsmanship after the fact."

Johnson, who replaced Schnellenberger at Miami, began inauspiciously against Florida State. In 1984, Bowden won the first challenge by a startling 38–3. In the Orange Bowl, of course. Whereupon Johnson won the next four games.

"I guarantee you one thing," Bowden slyly told alumni clubs in the spring following the 1988 game, "I'll never lose to him again."

Johnson had just accepted an offer to coach the Dallas Cowboys.

Miami's present coach, Dennis Erickson, thinks Bowden reminds him a bit of Schnellenberger with his all-around strength as a coach.

There's a thought that many a coach might have won national titles with the talent Miami has fielded in the past decade.

"Not in my opinion," Bowden says. "Miami's had extraordinary talent. But the coaches they've had have been amazing, too." ■

The 'Canes won with Steve Walsh in 1987-88.



QUIET GENIUS OF PROVO

Edwards' Hands-Off Style Works for Him

By KURT KRAGTHORPE
The Salt Lake Tribune

Notre Dame's Lou Holtz walks the sidelines. Miami's Dennis Erickson calls the plays. UCLA's Terry Donahue crouches. Brigham Young's LaVell Edwards stands.

Nothing captures Edwards' coaching style like his classic sideline pose: standing still, arms folded. For 20 seasons, he has made a living and built a nationally respected program mostly by staying out of the way.

Edwards' philosophy of coaching is centered around hiring expert assistants and turning them loose. "He lets us do what we want to do," says defensive coordinator Ken Schmidt. "He doesn't have his thumb on us the whole time."

The hands-off approach sometimes makes Edwards seem disinterested. During games, he never wears a headset and rarely knows what play is called. Assistant coaches develop the game plan and make substitutions, leaving only specific decisions to him, like whether to punt or go for a first down.

In truth, Edwards knows the game. Considering his image as a somber individual just standing around, reporters were not sure which diagram impressed them more one day when he illustrated an assistant coach's heart condition and the role of the tight end in BYU's pass offense. The X's and O's were all in the right places, just like the arteries.

Thanks partly to surrounding himself with good people, Edwards owns the third-best winning percentage (.744) and the fifth-most victories (183) among active coaches. He traces his management style to the days when he worked under former BYU coach Tommy Hudspeth—not because Hudspeth was a delegator, just that he focused mostly on offense, while Edwards handled the defense.

"I enjoyed having that role and opportunity to function," Edwards says. "Over the years, we've had good, experienced coaches. I didn't necessarily set out with a grand design of doing it this way."

Edwards is a people expert. Ask him about any of the hundreds of players to come through BYU in the last 20 years and, chances are, he can provide an update. Staying even-tempered makes his rare emotional outbursts all the more effective. "I can get upset occasionally, and when I do it surprises people a bit," Edwards says.

The motivator/psychologist was at his best last September. The Cougars had lost to Florida State, UCLA and Penn State to open the season and were questioning themselves as they entered Western Athletic Conference play against unbeaten Air Force. Edwards himself wishes he



BILL KALINOWSKI

Edwards (right) is inherently impassive watching his BYU team with aide Dick Felt.



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had recorded his Friday night speech prior to BYU's 21–7 victory, sending the Cougars on the way to another conference championship and an 8–0–2 record over their last 10 games, including a tie with then-No. 7 Iowa in the Holiday Bowl.

BYU's showing in San Diego was evidence both of Edwards' reliance on his assistants and his willingness to change. In past years, including 1990 when the Cougars were blasted 65–14 by Texas A&M in the Holiday Bowl, Edwards treated bowl games cavalierly. He was careful to work around Christmas Day in making the team's travel plans.

Last December, Edwards' staff prevailed with a suggestion to arrive in San Diego earlier and practice harder, including twice on Christmas Eve. The result was the best performance of the season by the defense and an upset bid that failed only with an interception of a tipped pass in the last minute.

A review of key moments in Edwards' career:

- October 1974. In his third season, Edwards owned a 12–13–1 record after starting the year with three losses and a tie. A group of senior players held a meeting before the next game, and BYU rebounded with seven straight victories to secure the WAC title and the school's first bowl invitation. "Sometime during that week, no question in my mind, was the turning point in my career and the program," Edwards says.
- December 1980. BYU was making a fifth postseason appearance and Edwards was still looking for his first bowl win—and trailing Southern Methodist 45–25. "I hope I never come to another bowl game," he thought as he watched gloomily on the sideline. The Cougars rallied with three touchdowns in the last four minutes of the game for a 46–45 victory.
- December 1984. Quarterback Robbie Bosco earned a plethora of respect on the night he returned to the field, injured and limping, and in pain, to rally BYU to a 24–17 victory over Michigan and the national title in the Holiday Bowl.
- December 1988. BYU's run of 10 straight WAC championships had ended, and the Cougars had now gone three years without winning the title. Quarterbacking was the major trouble. In the Freedom Bowl against Colorado, freshman Ty Detmer entered in the second half and guided BYU to a 20–17 victory. That launched the Cougars into the next season, triggering a run of three WAC championships to show they had reversed the drought.

The heat BYU was feeling before that Colorado game and last season's Air Force contest was connected with the monster Edwards has created in Provo. Expectations led to the expansion of now-65,000-seat Cougar Stadium, and Edwards must live with them. The pressure intensified in the late '80s when BYU went those three seasons without winning the league title.

"If you allow yourself to dwell on it, you could be overwhelmed," Edwards says of the expectations. "I was really headed in that direction. I came to grips with it my own way. I just made up my mind I wasn't going to worry about it."

Edwards still suffers from headaches and sleeplessness during the season, but his obsession—and escape—the rest of the year is golf. At age 61, he's playing the best golf of his life, having lowered his handicap to 5. Want Edwards to make a public appearance? Offer a round of golf and he's yours. He even played in a two-day tournament at his club the weekend after freshman players reported to the campus last August.

In speeches, Edwards never uses the coaches' line about fans who second-guess every decision and then can't remember where they parked their cars, because he does the same thing. He is an entertaining speaker, with a dry, self-effacing wit. Having fielded questions for years about the advantages of BYU's returned missionaries being older and more mature, Edwards last season described his team as extremely young. "The average age is only 25," he said.

Loyalty is another Edwards hallmark. He has never fired an assistant coach, and five of his current staff members have worked at least 10 years with him. Two other coaches are former BYU players. He handles players the same way he handles his coaches, maybe to a fault. He's a one-quarterback coach, for instance. Not even future Heisman Trophy winner Detmer, then a freshman, could unseat the incumbent starting quarterback, even after rescuing victories with second-half entrances. That Edwards trait will be tested again this season after Steve Clements or John Walsh is declared the starting quarterback.

Bosco helped bring Edwards a national title.



FRED VUICH

Edwards' quarterbacking experience was a little different from Detmer's or anybody else's. He played mostly center and linebacker at Utah State, but for one game of his senior season he was a single-wing quarterback—calling signals but never touching the ball, just blocking. While coaching at Salt Lake City's Granite High, Edwards refereed basketball games and sold shoes to support his family before coming to BYU in 1962.

Edwards has settled in as a Provo lifer, though not making a salary approaching that of other high-profile coaches. One coach calls Edwards "the best bargain in college football." Naturally, he has attracted offers over the years, once coming close to taking over the NFL's Detroit Lions, but has chosen to stay rooted in Utah Valley, a few miles from where he was raised. He's followed the stay-at-home path of Penn State's Joe Paterno, the only other active coach to produce Heisman and Outland Trophy winners and win a national championship.

Edwards' conservative nature makes his early switch to a high-tech passing game an irony of history. For all the different formations and schemes the Cougars employ, they rarely use trick plays because Edwards has become convinced they'll never work for his team. Yet, in the early '70s, the ex-defensive coach pioneered the revolutionary move from the Houston veer to a passing game that eventually carried BYU to the national championship.

The inspiration? "The only thing we were trying to do was stay employed," he says now.

The 21st-century approach is carrying Edwards into his 21st season. He never imagined coaching past age 60 and now acknowledges that he will evaluate things after every season.

This year found Edwards looking forward to spring drills as much as or more than ever, because of the intrigue surrounding the new-quarterback derby. "The nature of college football is there's always change," he says.

Thanks to Edwards, things stay mostly the same for BYU. Some observers have questioned Edwards' unusual devotion to his veteran staff, wondering if the Cougars could use some fresh ideas. New Mexico tried that approach, going through 25 assistant coaches in five years and winning a total of four WAC games.

Edwards will take monotony—and winning—over volatility any day. "The players know we could get drilled one game, but the next Monday, not everything's going to be changed," says Norm Chow, quarterbacks and receivers coach.

No matter what happens, LaVell Edwards will still be standing around. ■

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William Prince teamed for 868. Linebacker Daniel Boyd bolsters the defense.

For reasons ranging from A (punter Scot Armstrong) to Z (quarterback Eric Zeier), Georgia is ready to challenge Florida for the East title. Thirteen starters are back, eight on offense.

Zeier, a true freshman in '91, may unseat Matthews as the SEC's No. 1 passer. The team's leading receiver and rusher, Andre Hastings and Garrison Hearst respectively, also return. There are gaps to fill on defense, however.

LSU showed slight improvement over 1990, and the Tigers should climb another notch under coach Curley Hallman. Ten starters return on offense, including All-SEC tackle Kevin Mawae. Quarterback Chad Loup finished fourth in the conference in passing efficiency. The defense is paced by linebacker Ricardo Washington.

The question at Tennessee is: Are the Vols rebuilding or simply reloading? Most observers feel it's the former, especially on defense, at quarterback, receivers, the offensive line . . . well, virtually everywhere. The running game is in good hands with tailbacks James Stewart and Aaron Hayden, who combined for 1,643 yards and 15 touchdowns as freshmen.

The Arkansas Razorbacks, who crossed the Mississippi River for regular-season games five times from 1985-91, will make that many in one campaign as they begin play in the SEC. Third-year coach Jack Crowe is hoping the return of six starters on each side of the ball means success in the new conference.

After posting a very Vanderbilt-like 1–5 record in the first half of their 1991 season, the Commodores won four straight games and went into the regular-season finale against Tennessee with a respectable 5–5 mark. OK, so they lost to the Vols 45–0, but coach Gerry DiNardo brings high hopes of building off those consecutive victories.

Auburn was very unlike itself in '91 as well. The Tigers posted a 5–6 overall record and a 2–5 mark in the conference. Key players trying to turn things around are quarterback Stan White, running back Joe Frazier and linebackers Bennie Pierce and James Willis.

South Carolina is the other team beginning SEC competition, but the Gamecocks can't expect to make a big splash. Inexperienced players return from a team that finished 3–6–2. Running back Brandon Bennett and nose guard Cedric Bembery are top returnees.

The Ole Miss Rebels expect to bounce back from a season that saw them go 4–0 in nonconference games but 1–6 in the SEC. Quarterback Russ Shows and linebacker Gary Abide are mainstays.

Kentucky suffered its first winless record in the conference since 1982. Third-year coach Bill Curry is counting on 18 returning starters to see that it doesn't happen again. The offense is directed by quarterback Pookie Jones, while free safety Brad Armstead sparks the defense. ■

ATHLON ALL-SEC

OFFENSE

TE	Fred Baxter	Auburn	6–4	240	Senior
T	Kevin Mawae	LSU	6–4	244	Junior
G	Mike Stowell	Tennessee	6–2	290	Senior
C	Tobie Sheils	Alabama	6–3	250	Junior
G	Everett Lindsay	Mississippi	6–5	290	Senior
T	John James	Mississippi State	6–3	294	Senior
WR	Willie Jackson	Florida	6–1	194	Junior
QB	Shane Matthews	Florida	6–3	192	Senior
RB	Garrison Hearst	Georgia	5–11	195	Junior
RB	Errict Rhett	Florida	6–0	212	Junior
FL	Andre Hastings	Georgia	6–2	181	Junior

DEFENSE

DL	Todd Kelly	Tennessee	6–4	262	Senior
DL	Cedric Bembery	South Carolina	6–0	285	Senior
DL	Henry Ford	Arkansas	6–3	269	Junior
LB	Antonio London	Alabama	6–3	228	Senior
LB	Ricardo Washington	LSU	6–4	210	Junior
LB	Shelton Quarles	Vanderbilt	6–2	222	Junior
LB	Daniel Boyd	Mississippi State	6–0	233	Senior
DB	Brad Armstead	Kentucky	6–0	185	Senior
DB	George Teague	Alabama	6–2	187	Senior
DB	Antonio Langham	Alabama	6–1	170	Junior
DB	Will White	Florida	6–1	199	Senior

SPECIALISTS

KR	Tony James	Mississippi State	5–9	186	Senior
PR	David Palmer	Alabama	5–9	170	Sophomore
K	Pedro Suarez	LSU	5–9	176	Senior
P	Shayne Edge	Florida	5–11	170	Sophomore



It was the third Saturday in October, and just as it had been in the 39 previous seasons and the way it's remained in the 25 years since, Tennessee and Alabama met in football. On Oct. 21, 1967, in Birmingham, their game turned out to be the one that decided the Southeastern Conference championship.

The Vols, coached by Doug Dickey, defeated the Crimson Tide 24–13 and went on to win the title with a 6–0 conference record. Despite a 26–24 loss to Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl, Tennessee finished second in the nation with a 9–2 record. In Bear Bryant's 10th year as head coach at Alabama, the Tide posted a 5–1 SEC record and was 8–2–1 overall.

In addition to the Vols and the Tide, who lost to a Gene Stallings-coached Texas A&M team 20–16 in the Cotton Bowl, three other conference teams played in bowl games: LSU defeated Wyoming 20–13 in the Sugar, Georgia lost 14–7 to North Carolina State in the Liberty and Ole Miss was beaten 14–7 by Texas-El Paso in the Sun.

Tennessee center Bob Johnson and Alabama receiver Dennis Homan were consensus All-Americans in 1967, as was Georgia guard Edgar Chandler. Tennessee, Alabama, Florida and Georgia placed four players each on The Associated Press All-SEC team. LSU was represented by three players, Mississippi by two, and Auburn, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt by one apiece.

Four coaches were in the midst of 25-year campaigns at their respective schools in '67. John Vaught, in his 21st season at Ole Miss, was dean of SEC coaches. Shug Jordan was in his 17th year at Auburn. Bryant would coach 15 more years at 'Bama, while Vince Dooley had completed his fourth season at Georgia. Dickey was in the fourth year of six at Tennessee. Mississippi State's Charley Shira and Vanderbilt's Bill Pace were rookie coaches. The other head men in the SEC were Ray Graves at Florida, Charlie McClendon at LSU and Charlie Bradshaw at Kentucky.

"This young man is a unique individual," said David Coker, executive assistant to the president of the University of Georgia. He was referring to Eric Royce Zeier, who enrolled as a freshman at Georgia—ending a recruiting war with Alabama, Florida State and Notre Dame—in January 1991. Zeier was still a senior at Marietta (Ga.) High School but was allowed to enter an NCAA institution under an early admissions program waiver on the basis of outstanding academic performance and promise, including a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 3.50.

"He's obviously a great time manager," Coker said, adding that it is not uncommon for non-athletes to be admitted into the joint enrollment program.

One weekend in early 1991 saw Zeier at Georgia taking anthropology, English and music appreciation classes, then returning to Marietta High for exams in physics, calculus and English.

Academics were no problem for Zeier, who ranked in the top 10 percent of his high school class with a 3.66 GPA. The academic effort gave the 6–2, 200-pound quarterback a chance to participate in Georgia's 1991 spring practice.

The NCAA says it handles fewer than five such waiver requests a year and can't remember another football player taking advantage of the rule, which was instituted in 1975.

Like any issue, there are pros and cons.

"Obviously, this will change recruiting a bit," says Jack Himebauch, Southern California's recruiting coordinator. "It could open a door for the future unless the NCAA chooses to close it. Philosophically, I'm against it because it keeps a young man from enjoying his senior year in high school. Are we rushing things?"

Zeier concedes that his primary reason for requesting a waiver was to join the Bulldogs for spring practice. His father, Rick, called it "a golden opportunity . . . academically and athletically. The thing I like is that he seems really motivated in the classroom again. He had just been waiting to get out of high school."

Zeier is no run-of-the-mill quarterback. As a senior at Marietta, he completed 136 of 231 passes for 2,484 yards and 28 touchdowns, with only four interceptions, and was rated the top prospect in the country. The son of a U.S. Army officer, Zeier played his freshman and sophomore years of high school football in Heidelberg, Germany, and was twice named to the All-Europe team.

Although Georgia's storied football program was coming off its worst record (4–7) since 1961 and the Bulldogs spent the holidays at home for the first time in 11 years, Zeier wasn't an immediate savior. He often played more than twice as much as veteran fifth-year senior Greg Talley, but he didn't become a starter until the sixth game, only the second true freshman in Georgia history to start a game at quarterback. Offensive coordinator Wayne McDuffie said concern about breakdowns in pass blocking was the reason Talley was the early season starter.

"I'd hate to turn a freshman out there with our offensive line and running backs," McDuffie said at the time. "A quarterback could get shell-shocked with all the missed assignments and missed blitzes."

When the final numbers were in, Zeier had established single-season records for completions (159), attempts (286) and passing yardage (1,984). . . . He was intercepted only four times.

By midseason, though, McDuffie had changed his tune: "He has all the tools. He can run this offense."

When the final numbers were in, Zeier had established single-season records for completions (159), attempts (286) and passing yardage (1,984). He was fourth in Georgia history with 327 offensive plays, fifth in total offense (1,785) and eighth in completion percentage (.556). And he was intercepted only four times, setting a Southeastern Conference mark of 1.40 percent (minimum 200 attempts).

For good measure, Zeier was 18 of 28 for 228 yards and two touchdowns in the Bulldogs' 24–15 Independence Bowl victory over Arkansas.

"He should be one of the greatest college quarterbacks in years," Clemson nose guard Brentson Buckner said after Zeier riddled the Tigers' highly rated defense for 249 yards and two touchdowns. That was the last game Talley started.

Buckner wasn't the only one Zeier impressed.

"You can't force this kid into any mistakes," said Ole Miss coach Billy Brewer. "He's unlike any freshman I've ever seen. He is very poised."

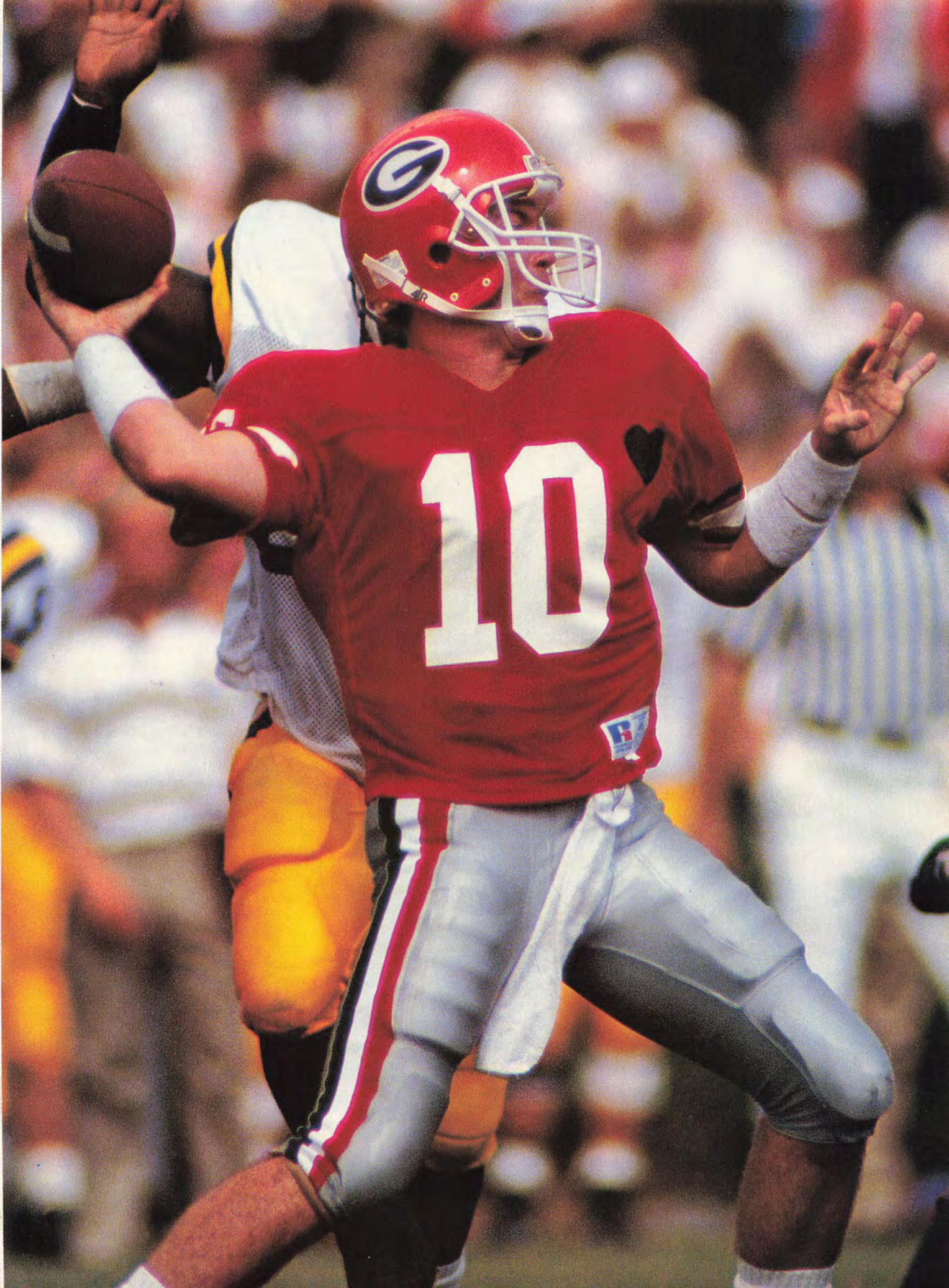
"The best young quarterback I've ever seen," said former Ole Miss great Archie Manning.

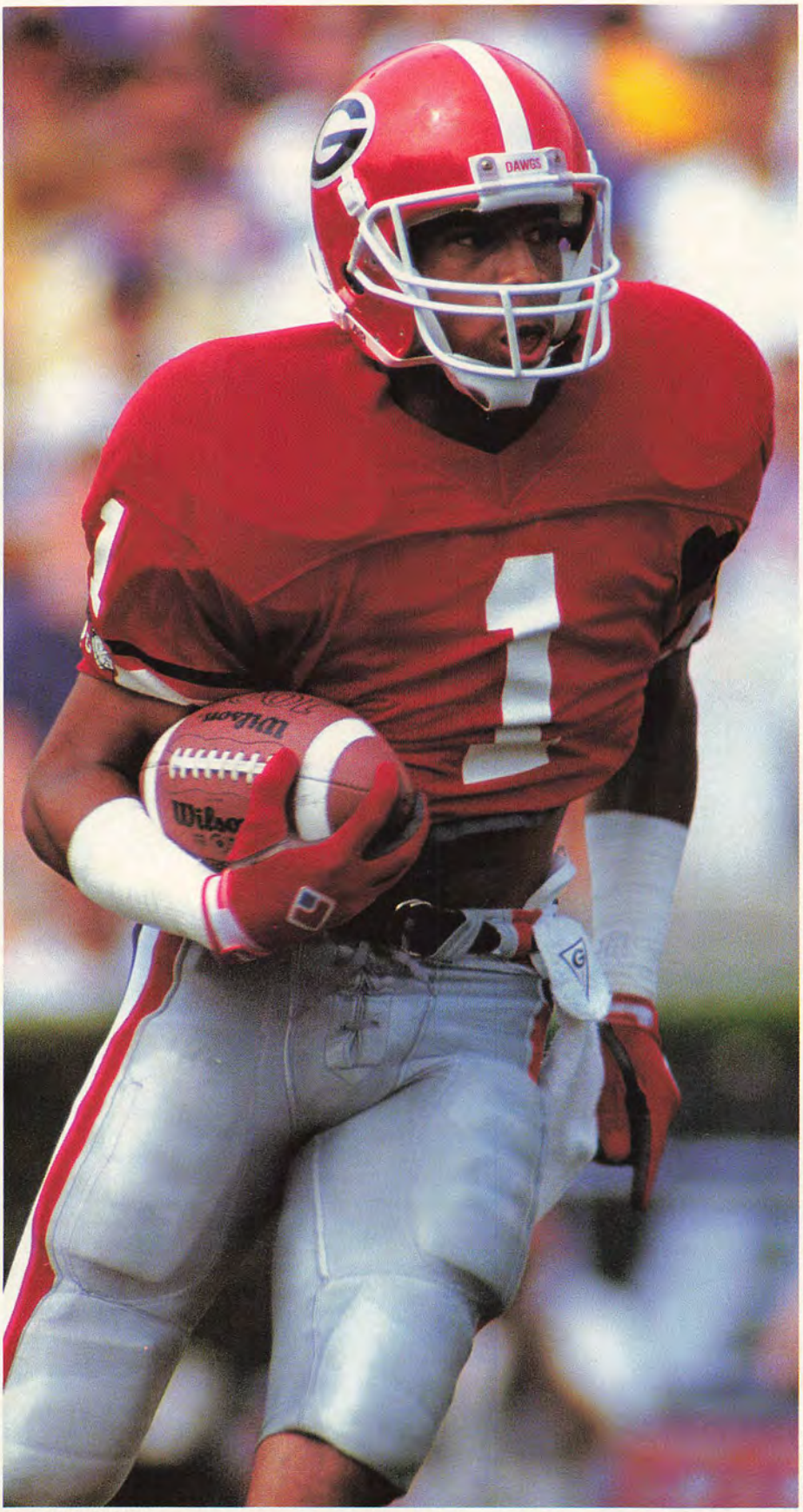
About the only one not impressed by Zeier was Zeier himself.

"I can't compare myself to any of those quarterbacks," he said when people began throwing around great SEC names like Manning, Joe Namath, Kenny Stabler, Pat Sullivan, Tommy

MIKE MOORE

If Eric Zeier keeps throwing like he did his freshman season, when he set three team passing records, he could take Georgia back to the top of the SEC.


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MIKE MOORE

ANDRE HASTINGS

Hodson, Condredge Holloway, Billy Lothridge, Bert Jones and Babe Parilli. "Any comparisons like that are so far out that they may be ludicrous."

Note that Zeier said "may."

In the quarter-century (1964-88) prior to Ray Goff's promotion when Vince Dooley was Georgia's head coach, you could apply the old gag that the Bulldogs put the ball in the air only when they flew to a road game. However, in two of Goff's three years at the helm, Georgia has gained more yardage passing than rushing in a season. That never happened during Dooley's reign, although he went berserk in his final game, a 34–27 victory over Michigan State in the Gator Bowl, and allowed his quarterbacks to throw—gasp!—27 passes.

Last year's team set seven school passing records.

"I had a good idea we would throw the ball more," Zeier says of Georgia's 1991 campaign. "But in Coach McDuffie's offense you take what the defense gives you. We may throw the ball 40 times in a game if needed or maybe just 15 times. Either way is fine with me as long as the Georgia Bulldogs win."

And that's what the Georgia Bulldogs did a year ago, rebounding from 6–6 and 4–7 records in Goff's first two years with a 9–3 season and a No. 17 national ranking. Georgia's coaches and players dubbed the '91 season Operation Turnaround, and that's just what it was as the Bulldogs turned the tables on six teams that beat them the previous year.

With 48 of 67 lettermen returning, including eight starters on offense, five on defense and all the kickers, Georgia will be disappointed if 1992 isn't at least as successful as 1991. A word of warning may be appropriate, however. Goff praised the graduated seniors on many occasions for leadership of uncommon quality. Leadership is one of those intangibles that coaches love to talk about but often aren't sure where it will come from.

Georgia will have to find immediate help at inside linebacker and in the secondary, and come up with depth at most positions.

Behind Zeier is senior Preston Jones, a veteran who has led the Bulldogs to victories both as a starter and as a reserve. The wide receivers were perhaps the 1991 team's greatest strength, but replacements must be found for Arthur Marshall and Kevin Maxwell. However, junior Andre Hastings has outstanding ability and led the Bulldogs with a school-record 48 receptions for 683 yards and five touchdowns. Other wide-outs who lettered include seniors Damon Evans and Rodney McCoy, juniors Brian Bohannon and Chad Wilson, and sophomore Jeff Thomas.

The tight end position returns three proven players: two-year starter Shannon Mitchell (6–3, 242, junior), senior Paul Etheridge (6–6, 238) and junior Collin Brandon (6–4, 252).

Junior all-star candidate Garrison Hearst brings big-play potential to the scatback (a.k.a.

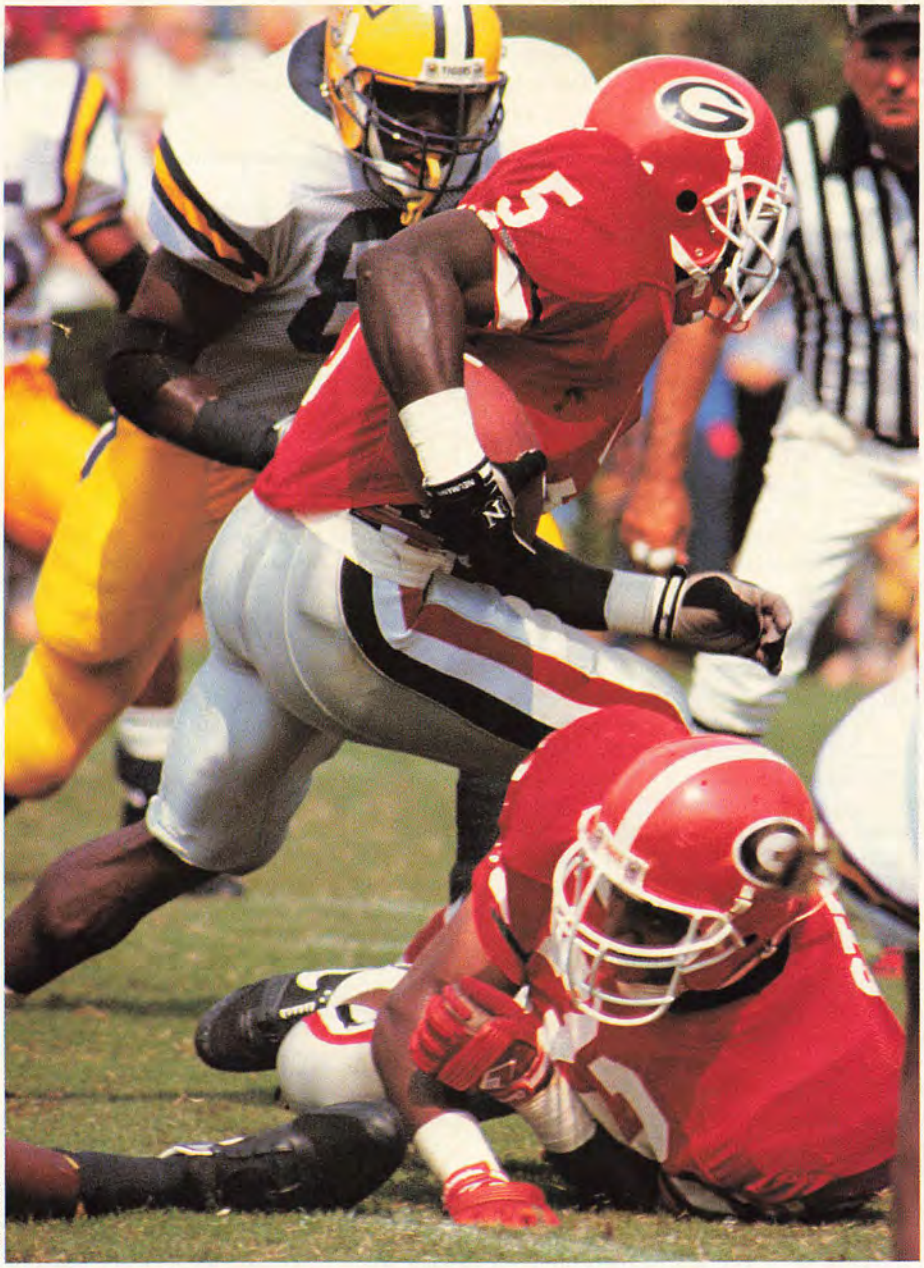
tailback) position. He's had seven 100-yard games in his career and averaged 6.3 yards per carry last year (968 yards on 153 rushes). Behind him are sophomores Bill Montgomery and Terrell Davis, the latter a transfer from Long Beach State, which discontinued football.

At the running back (a.k.a. fullback) spot are senior Mack Strong, another all-star candidate, and powerful junior Frank Harvey.

Seven lettermen provide a good nucleus for the offensive interior. Heading the list are tackles Alec Millen (6-7, 278, senior) and Bernard Williams (6-9, 279, junior), sophomore guard Steve Roberts (6-3, 263) and senior center-guard Jack Swan (6-4, 258). Millen and Williams will be joined at the tackle spots by senior Bill Rosenberg (6-3, 268), junior Dan Rogers (6-4, 270) and sophomore Brent Duggins (6-4, 272). The coaches hope Swan settles in at guard; that would leave the center position to junior Scott Brownholtz (6-3, 271) and redshirt freshman David Weeks (6-6, 245).

A trio of returning defensive line veterans consists of tackles Casey Barnum (6-3, 265, junior), George Brewer (6-5, 272, junior) and Donnie Maib (6-3, 259, senior). Other holdovers include senior Tom Wallace (6-6, 275) and juniors Randy Wolford (6-4, 250) and Clay Ware (6-3, 258). Wolford is penciled in at nose guard.

At outside linebacker, juniors Mitch Davis (6-3, 237) and Carlo Butler (6-2, 208) and sophomore Damon Ward (6-1, 234) have starting experience. Davis and Butler have 16 starts between them, but Ward was the leading tackler at the position in 1991.



MIKE MOORE

GARRISON HEARST



BILL THORUP

SHANNON MITCHELL

Inside linebacker is one of the Bulldogs' most depleted positions. The only returning lettermen are senior Torrey Evans (6-2, 228), who hasn't started since his sophomore year, and junior Travis Jones (6-3, 232), who has never started. Evans came off the bench in the Independence Bowl and was the defensive MVP. Also on hand are junior college transfers Charlie Clemons (6-2, 225) and Danny Ledbetter (6-2, 235), both of whom started last year at Northeastern Oklahoma. Clemons was an All-American.

Having lost three of four starters, the secondary also is short on numbers and experience. Junior free safety Ralph Thompson is the only returning starter. His backup, senior Mike Jones, has most of the remaining experience and likely will move to strong safety, a position he has played periodically. Cornerback will be totally up for grabs among senior Chris Wilson, sophomores Charles Pledger and Carlos Yancy, and JC transfer Greg Tremble. Wilson represents the bulk of any experience.

Junior punter Scot Armstrong (41.9 average) returns, as do placekickers Kanon Parkman, a sophomore, and Todd Peterson, a senior. ■

This story begins not long after James Stewart was still learning how to stiff-arm strained carrots and sidestep stuffed animals in his crib.

James Stewart Sr. would pick up his infant son, rest him on one knee and talk in the quiet, loving tones reserved for proud fathers.

"You're daddy's little man," he said.

Young James must have understood, because he nodded his head (OK, maybe he was wobbling in time with the rocking of his father's knee), tried to voice his agreement (well, perhaps it was a squeal provoked by all the attention) and fumbled on his dad's pants (strained carrots will do it every time).

But it stuck. Not the strained carrots. The nickname. To his teammates and friends at the University of Tennessee, James Stewart now and shall always be Little Man.

"If somebody calls me James it means they don't really know me," Stewart says. "I've been Little Man as far back as I can remember. I like it. It reminds me of who I really am and where I came from."

In a sport where nicknames border on the absurd, Little Man is downright wholesome. This suits Stewart just fine since he prefers to blend into the Knoxville scenery, leaving others to pursue new and outrageous behavior while he minds his own business and plays his own game.

On a team that includes scholarship players from 23 states and Canada, Stewart is a throwback to the old days of Tennessee football, when hometown heroes grew up dreaming of wearing orange jerseys on Saturday afternoons. He picked up his nickname and athletic skill in Morristown, an hour's drive from Knoxville, and thrives on the slower pace of his hometown.

"Other schools recruited me and I liked some of their coaches and their programs, but I didn't want to go far from home," Stewart says. "I like the idea of being able to get in a car and get back home if I need to."

This worked out quite well for Tennessee, of course. Desperate for a tailback in the winter of 1991 after the graduation of Tony Thompson and Chuck Webb's early exit to the NFL, Vol coaches targeted high school runners from Florida to California.

The tailback position was such a priority that it was usually the first matter discussed at coaching staff meetings during the recruiting process. The Vols were hitting hard at a kid in Maryland, getting a shaky verbal commitment from a superstar in Texas, playing tag with somebody in Michigan and trying to get a foot in the door of a half-dozen others.

They sent out an all-points bulletin for any missing tailback, flying this way and that in pursuit of the speed, strength and natural instincts demanded of an I-formation star.

All the while, Larry Lacewell kept trying to steer the conversation toward defensive linemen. Lacewell, Tennessee's defensive coordinator, wanted to take care of his own turf. Besides, he had already solved the tailback problem. "I've looked at a lot of 'em," Lacewell told the other coaches, "but I still haven't seen anybody better than that kid in Morristown."

Lacewell has seen a few good running backs in his day. During his tenure as defensive coordinator at Oklahoma, the wind wasn't the only thing that came sweeping down the plain. Lacewell lived the nightmare of scrimmaging against a Sooner offense that included people like halfback Billy Sims, who could turn simple option pitchouts into highlight films.

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Tennessee offered, Stewart accepted and Lacewell smiled.

"I liked him the first time I saw him on film," recalls Lacewell, who helps recruit the east Tennessee area for the Vols. "He had good size, kind of a straight-up style that was different, and really worked his way through tacklers. He played tough."

And when Lacewell talked to Stewart, he was even more impressed. "He was a quiet kid, a smart kid," Lacewell recalls. "A lot of 'yes sir' and 'no sir.' I'm old-fashioned enough to like that, and I've been around enough to know when it's fake and when it's genuine. With him, I knew it was genuine."

Stewart was the first top-level tailback to offer a public verbal commitment to Tennessee in 1991. Others followed, including Aaron Hayden of Detroit.

Diverse in style but similar in talent, Stewart and Hayden comprise the odd couple of Tennessee football. Stewart relishes the joy of small-town life, driving around with some of his old high school friends, hitting the same spots they've hit a hundred times before.

Hayden goes at the fuel-injected pace of the Motor City. The son of a Detroit policeman, he

COURTLAND RICHARDS

Little Man Stewart put up big numbers as a freshman with 939 rushing yards and eight touchdowns, including this one against UCLA.





MICHAEL HEBERT

TODD KELLY

has viewed the wild side of the big city, been exposed to daily walks through a metal detector at Mumford High and seen a high school teammate shot by an errant bullet from a sour drug deal.

"He talks about some of the things he's seen up there," Stewart says, "and it's hard for me to believe people can live like that."

The two have been good for each other. Moreover, their combined talents give Tennessee a potent tailback tandem.

It all happened so fast. Little Man became Little Big Man in his very first college game, rushing for more than 100 yards against Louisville in a stripped-down offensive scheme that consisted largely of toss sweeps and off-tackle sprints.

Stewart was learning. But the process was neither smooth nor foolproof. Although he ran for 939 yards in 11 regular-season games, Stewart suffered through the expected growing pains of a freshman playing at the top level of college football.

He was a virtual non-factor in the Vols' back-to-back losses at Florida and Alabama, momentarily falling out of favor with the coaching staff and yielding the first-team spot to Hayden.

Stewart's explanation: "I found out that some defenses are better than others."

This season, Stewart is likely to discover that some offensive lines are better than others. Tennessee lost four-fifths of its line to graduation, with senior Mike Stowell (6–2, 290) the only returning starter from a unit that helped the Vols set total yardage records in each of the last two years. Stowell was moved from guard to tackle after the spring game.

Senior Brian Spivey (6–2, 280) has played sparingly behind John Fisher for the last two years but is a competent center. Senior Rodney Gordon (6–1, 284) and junior James Warren (6–7, 290) will fight for the tackle spot opposite Stowell.

The guard positions are up for grabs among sophomore Rodney Riddick (6–3, 280) and redshirt freshmen Bubba Miller (6–1, 290), Jeff Smith (6–3, 300) and Trey Peterson (6–3, 290). Redshirt freshman Leslie Ratliffe (6–7, 290) was switched from defense in the spring and could figure into the offensive line picture.

Sophomore Heath Shuler has been groomed as Andy Kelly's successor at quarterback since his first day on campus and will be given the ball. Sophomore Jerry Colquitt and redshirt freshman Quincy Prigmore duel for backup duties along with hometown signee Todd Helton.

Stewart and Hayden are fixtures at tailback after combining for 1,643 yards and 15 touchdowns last season. Sophomore Mose Phillips, who accounted for 350 all-purpose yards last year, is also available. Fullback will be spearheaded by juniors Mario Brunson and Kenneth Campbell.

Carl Pickens' early departure for the NFL left the Vols short of their usual talent at wide receiver. Junior college star Billy Williams was ruled ineligible by the NCAA, so the rotation will include senior J.J. McCleskey, juniors Craig Faulkner and Cory Fleming, and sophomore Ronald Davis.

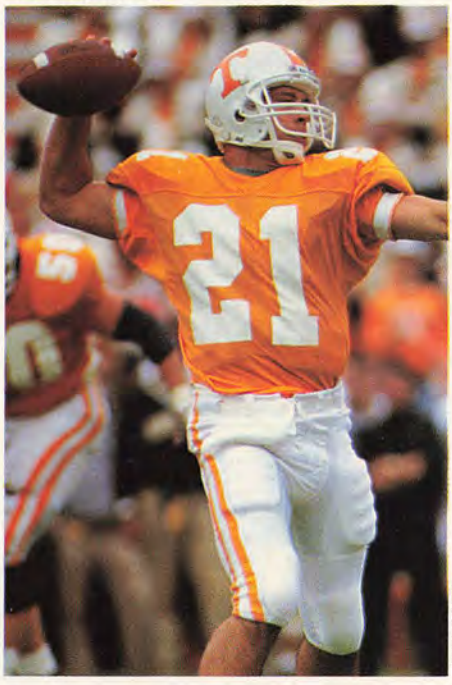
Redshirt freshman Cleon Mitchell (6–1, 247), recruited as a fullback, could figure at tight end along with senior Robert Todd (6–5, 257), a strong blocker but a suspect pass receiver.

While Tennessee has several holes to fill on offense, the Vols' defense will require wholesale changes after the departure of nine starters and some top-line reserves.

The first order of business is finding linebackers to replace the trio of Darryl Hardy, Earnest Fields and Shon Walker, one of the most productive groups in school history. Junior Reggie Ingram (6–2, 255) missed spring drills because of a knee problem but is expected to start in the middle. Ben Talley (6–3, 228), who lettered as a true freshman last year, joins sophomore Armandos Fisher (6–1, 217) and redshirt freshman Steve White (6–2, 220) as candidates on the outside. Senior Willie Richards (6–3, 254) could be a factor at outside linebacker or perhaps defensive end after returning to the squad following a one-year absence.

Senior J.J. Surlas (6–4, 258) returns at one tackle and classmate Todd Kelly (6–4, 262) inherits one end position, but the other two spots are up for grabs. Sophomore Kevin Mays (6–4,

HEATH SHULER



BILL THORUP



MIKE MOORE

AARON HAYDEN

284), who has been shuffled back and forth from defense to offense, is among the possibilities along with junior college transfer Paul Yatkowski (6–3, 262) at end and former Air Force Academy starter Shane Bonham (6–2, 262) at tackle. Redshirt freshman Jason Layman (6–5, 286) was one of the nation's most heralded defensive line recruits a year ago.

Junior Roderick Lewis is expected back from knee surgery and is penciled in at strong safety, with senior David Bennett and junior Victor Brown expected to duel at free safety. Seniors Tracy Smith and Steve Session are likely starters at cornerback.

Although the return game is uncertain with the departure of Pickens and Dale Carter, the Vols appear well fortified in the rest of the kicking game with sophomore punter Tom Hutton (41.9-yard average as a freshman) and sophomore placekicker John Becksvoort (15 of 21 on field goals and 28 straight extra points).

How will all this translate into a won-lost record? Johnny Majors, entering his 16th season as coach at his alma mater, insists upon using the term "rebuilding" for 1992, shrugging off fans' suggestions that it is merely time to reload with members of recent recruiting classes.

"No football program can lose the number of quality people we've lost in the last two years without seeing a drop-off at several positions," Majors says. "I'm optimistic but I'm also a realist."

One thing working in Tennessee's favor this season is a less rigorous non-conference schedule. After stepping out of the league to face such teams as Notre Dame, UCLA and Louisville last year, the Vols find Southwestern Louisiana and Cincinnati coming to Knoxville this time. In addition, the SEC teams that beat the Vols last season—Florida and Alabama—must visit Neyland Stadium.

The conference has split into two divisions, thus sacrificing the Tennessee-Auburn rivalry. However, Georgia and South Carolina come aboard on an annual basis. ■

VANDERBILT

Marcus Wilson had never asked for much. Just a chance would do.

After Vanderbilt got off to a stumbling start last season, he finally got it. Coach Gerry DiNardo tossed Wilson the reins to the Commodores' I-Bone offense and told the quarterback to try to get it rolling.

Wilson responded by settling in and at one point guiding the team to four straight victories. Behind Wilson's leadership, Vandy eventually posted a 5–6 season that turned heads and raised eyebrows around the country, coming as it did in the wake of back-to-back 1–10 seasons.

Wilson, a senior from Louisville, Ky., can't wait for this fall's encore performance.

"Last season we showed what we were capable of doing in a few games," says Wilson. "This season we want to pick up where we left off and do it for an entire season. The bottom line last year was that we weren't able to have a winning season, and that's every team's No. 1 objective. We got close but we didn't quite get there, and that's not good enough. We got a taste of winning, but that just made us hungrier."

Wilson, who won the starting job for keeps in the sixth game of the season, ran for 11 touchdowns and passed for three more. He was the SEC scoring leader with 68 points. Wilson led Vanderbilt in total offense with 987 yards (a 109.7 per game average), rushing for 496 yards on 144 carries and completing 32 of 63 passes for 491 yards.

"I thought all along that I was capable of running the offense and producing," says Wilson, who had seen sporadic action at wide receiver, his former position. He was redshirted, then used briefly as a receiver before returning to his position of choice.

Hampered by injuries, Wilson was shuttled in and out of duty for much of two seasons before DiNardo finally offered him a permanent job. Once Wilson had it, he wasn't about to let it go.

"I had the chance I'd waited for, a chance to prove myself, and I was determined to keep it," says Wilson. "I'd waited too long and worked too hard."

"Marcus improved game by game," says DiNardo, who was named Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year in his first season as a head coach. "He did a great job of learning the offense. He had gotten behind after an injury (broken hand) kept him out of (1990) spring practice, then he was bothered by some other minor injuries in the fall. But he worked hard at learning our system and what we expected of him. I thought he did a tremendous job and deserved a lot of credit for our success."

Unlike last year, Wilson probably won't have to battle for a starting job. Not only did he play well last season, but his closest competitor, Mike Healey, is gone. Healey opted to graduate on schedule and skip what would have been his final season.

That leaves redshirt freshman Charles Fant as Wilson's backup. Junior Jeff Brothers, who started last season's opener at quarterback before falling to third on the depth chart, has moved to the secondary.

"We feel we're pretty solid at quarterback," says DiNardo.

Vanderbilt returns 34 of 48 lettermen, including eight offensive starters and nine defensive regulars.

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High on DiNardo's list of priorities before the Sept. 5 season opener at Alabama is finding a replacement for departed tailback Corey Harris, who led the SEC in all-purpose rushing and missed the league rushing title by just six yards.

"The tailback is the key to the type of offense we run," DiNardo says. "Corey did an excellent job in all facets of the game—I don't know that I've ever been around a more complete player at that position—and he obviously left some big shoes to fill."

Junior Tony Jackson (10 carries, 39 yards last year) will compete for the tailback job with junior Derek Wilham, sophomores Mario Allmon and Eric Lewis, and redshirt freshmen Gabe Banks and Alex Scarbrough.

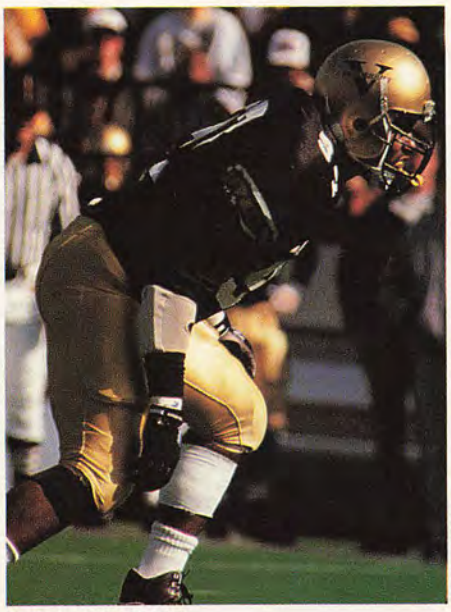
The fullback position is solid, with the return of senior Carlos Thomas, who led the team in rushing as a freshman and sophomore before being called on to devote more of his attention to blocking in last year's tailback-oriented offense. Thomas last season rushed for 298 yards and a touchdown. Senior Derrick Payne is the wingback. Junior Sam Chalmers was expected to contend for playing time at fullback, but he was moved to linebacker.

Junior Pat Akos (6–5, 255) opened the spring at tight end, with senior Clarence Sevillian at split end, backed up by junior Eric Weir. Last season, Sevillian caught 16 passes for 382 yards, a 23.9 average, and three touchdowns.

BILL THORUP

Marcus Wilson is expected to pitch out most times as QB of Vanderbilt's I-Bone, but when he kept the ball he scored 11 touchdowns in '91.


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CARLOS THOMAS

The offensive line, a strength of the team in '91, will have to replace some key veterans, starting at center where sophomore Richard Saenz (6–4, 256) is a leading candidate. Tentative guards are juniors Ryan Bell (6–3, 272) and John Dooling (6–3, 285), with junior Eric Dahlberg (6–6, 277) and senior Tom Vincent (6–6, 282) at tackle.

Defensively, Vanderbilt's vastly improved 3–4 unit features returning starter John DeWitt (6–4, 246), a junior, at one of the ends. Junior Alan Young (6–4, 246) was the starter at the other end, but he suffered a knee injury during spring practice that could make him miss the entire '92 campaign. He'll likely be replaced by sophomore Bill Sullivan (6–3, 256). Senior Mike Gandolfo (6–1, 234), who played outside linebacker last season, is in line to take over the nose guard spot. The outside linebacker slots are solid, with senior Gary Rogers (6–3, 215) and junior Shelton Quarles (6–2, 222). Junior Rico Francis (6–0, 202), who played strong safety in '91, will be tried at outside linebacker. Junior Gerald Collins (6–3, 250) is back to anchor one inside linebacker spot, with Chalmers (6–2, 236) possibly at the other.

The secondary is also in good shape. Junior Robert Davis and senior Robbie Young return at cornerback. Junior Aaron Smith, who played free safety, may replace Francis at strong safety. Brothers will be tried at free safety. Davis led the team in interceptions last season with four.

Senior Robbie Chura and redshirt freshman Rob Juliano will vie for the placekicking job, replacing graduated Jeff Owen. Senior David Lawrence, a two-time All-SEC selection, will handle the punting. Last year Lawrence averaged 42.7 yards.

As he headed into his first season at Vanderbilt last fall, DiNardo said he intended to build his team "from the neck up." He refused to dwell on past struggles and disappointments. His battle cry was, "What's Important Now."

As part of his effort to change the mindset of the team, DiNardo secluded his troops in an 11-day fall practice camp at tiny Bell Buckle, Tenn., 50 miles from Nashville. Speculation was that DiNardo intended to physically whip his team into shape and perhaps weed out some players, much the way Bear Bryant did at his famous desert camp when he coached at Texas A&M. DiNardo denied that that was his intent, and sure enough, not a single Commodore bailed out during the camp.

"We didn't go to Bell Buckle to run off players," says DiNardo. "We went there to try to become more close-knit as a team. Every successful program has a certain personality and uniqueness to it. I wanted to develop our team's personality. The camp is going to become a tradition here, signaling the start of each fall campaign."

DiNardo says his team's mental conditioning came through last season. At one point Vandy found itself 1–5, with four straight losses. Instead of folding, the Commodores bounced back to spring an upset of 17th-ranked Georgia, then rattled off three more impressive victories before a season-ending loss to Tennessee.

"When we were 1–5, I sat down and did a total evaluation of myself, our coaches, our offensive and defensive systems," says DiNardo. "I

JOHN DeWITT



MIKE MOORE

studied our game films and tried to objectively analyze everything we had been doing up to that point. I came to the conclusion that what we were doing was the right thing, that we were on the right track. We just had to fine-tune it and keep working."

DiNardo also continued to preach a recurring message to his team: "Football is too hard a game to practice and play without the reward of winning."

Suddenly, things began to fall into place and the Commodores put together one of the best stretches of Vanderbilt football in many years. Now, as Wilson says, having had a taste of success has whetted the team's appetite.

One reason for the bubbling optimism surrounding DiNardo's future programs is a highly touted recruiting crop that some experts feel could represent the finest freshman class in the school's history.

"I feel very good about it," says DiNardo. "Just how good the class really is will be answered in two or three years."

Recruiting expert Tom Lemming is more outspoken.

"Vanderbilt wound up with the best recruiting class they've had in the 13 years I've been following them," Lemming says. "In the past, it was always tough to find one or two kids who had any kind of name recognition. This year almost the entire class has name recognition and was heavily recruited by big-name schools. They brought in some kids who are unique in Vanderbilt history. You've really got to take your hat off to Gerry DiNardo and recruiting coordinator Rick George. They did a knockout job."

DiNardo says last season's taste of triumph played a major role in his recruiting success.

"The year before, we went into prospects' homes and talked about how we felt we could win at Vanderbilt," says DiNardo. "This year we were able to go into homes and talk about having actually done it. There's a big difference. Last season we proved we had the ability to win football games. There's nothing like winning to boost confidence, both in your present and incoming players. I think we laid the first foundation blocks in our football program. ■

SHELTON QUARLES



BILL THORUP

GAMECOCKS

It should be said up front: Don't look for a lot of fireworks this year from the University of South Carolina Gamecocks, the new kids on the Southeastern Conference block.

Sooner or later, depending on the progress of recruiting, they'll be there for helmet-to-helmet combat with the heavyweights in perhaps the nation's most physical conference. But not this season.

It's not so much what is happening in the SEC as it is what has happened in the last five years on the Columbia, S.C., campus. In the words of the song, nobody knows the trouble they've seen in the Palmetto State.

It all began with a former player's paid exposé in *Sports Illustrated* charging that the use of steroids was commonplace among the squad members. This story went on for months. Then came the tragic death of coach Joe Morrison on Feb. 5, 1989, three days before the prep signing deadline and on the heels of a second straight 8–4 season. In that winning stretch the Gamecocks reached eighth in the national polls, their highest perch ever.

Proving that when it rains it pours, it was also a time when some players were having problems off the field.

So new coach Phillip Perry "Sparky" Woods did not exactly walk into a bed of roses. He was saddled with problems not of his making.

Woods' first season, 1989, was not bad. Despite an early season-ending injury to quarterback Todd Ellis, the Gamecocks finished 6–4–1. In 1990 they went 6–5 and Woods was named to coach in the Blue-Gray game.

The ills and bad luck of the past caught up with them last year when an inexperienced defense and team-crippling injuries dropped them to 3–6–2, only the second time in Wood's eight-year coaching career that his team had not posted a winning record. The first was at Appalachian State, where he was 38–19–2 and three-time Southern Conference Coach of the Year. Now, as the Gamecocks move off in another direction, to the SEC, Woods stands even at 15–15–3.

All is not gloom. There is some good news. South Carolina gets to open its season against Georgia and Arkansas in its own Williams-Brice Stadium. It follows with another game in Columbia, against a strong East Carolina club, before hitting the road to play at Kentucky and Alabama.

Now for the bad news. In this, his fourth season in Columbia, Woods finds the quarterback and receiver cupboards bare. He is between pitchers and catchers. Two-year starter Bobby Fuller, who followed four-year starter Todd Ellis, is gone. So is a talented receiving corps that included Robert Brooks, Eddie Miller and David Pitchko, whose aggregate efforts totaled 117 catches, 1,746 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Resurrecting the passing game is a major project for 1992. Though not a high-profile quarterback like Ellis, Fuller was consistent with a completion rate of 60 percent for 2,524 yards and 15 scores.

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Woods not only lost the guy who took the snap, he lost the snapper, center Jay Killen.

"This is a new era of football for us, entering the Southeastern Conference, and we've got a lot of work ahead of us," Woods says. "We will be playing a quarterback who has never started a college game and we must replace our three top receivers and our No. 1 center.

"We need to be a more physical football team than we've been in the past. If you look at our schedule as a whole, it looks frightening. If you take it one game at a time, it looks exciting."

The Gamecocks will play in the SEC's Eastern Division, which includes Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Vanderbilt.

Unfortunately, they did not pick up a lot of momentum last season. Woods admits the year was a disappointment.

"We set the tone in our opener with Duke when we let a victory slip away," he says. "We had a difficult time bouncing back from that heartbreaking tie (24–24). We lost at East Carolina, 31–20, when people didn't realize how good they were. Another big disappointment was our 12–12 tie with Louisiana Tech, when they completed a fourth-and-22 pass for a first down late in the game."

There is always hope, though. Woods believes the Gamecocks can make a good showing if "we have an inexperienced quarterback come through, find capable replacements at wide receiver and outside linebacker, get off to a good start—the schedule is a killer with eight bowl teams—and avoid injuries."

Senior Wright Mitchell, who appeared in five games and completed 13 of 24 passes for 152

JEFF AMBERG

If the Gamecocks are in the running in their opening year as an SEC member, it'll be due to the darts and dashes of Brandon Bennett.


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CEDRIC BEMBERY

yards, is the only quarterback with any kind of game experience. He has a strong arm and showed better-than-average mobility when he scored on a 15-yard run in the season finale against Clemson.

Mitchell is expected to start the season. There is a crowd behind him, namely sophomore Kurt Frederick and freshmen Steve Taneyhill and Blake Williamson. Taneyhill, a *Parade* Magazine All-American, threw for more than 5,200 yards and 29 touchdowns at Altoona, Pa., High School. Standing 6–5 and weighing 200, he was one of the top-ranked prep quarterbacks in the country.

Mitchell might be the present, but Taneyhill or one of the others will be the future.

The receivers are young and untested. "Asim Penny (sophomore) has the experience to compete at the position," says Woods. "There are other guys who we have redshirted in the past, such as Chris Alford (freshman), who I think can make things happen after they catch the ball. Terrell Harris (redshirt freshman) is also a young player who can catch the ball. We are bringing in a junior college player and some high school seniors who I hope can contribute."

The junior college player is 6–6, 225-pound Don Chaney, who played for Sequoias Community College (Calif.) and caught 38 balls for 820 yards and eight touchdowns. Monty Means is a freshman prospect. Also, there is Stacy Robinson, a fifth-year senior who missed the '91 season because of a broken leg.

At tight end, the Gamecocks return senior Mike Whitman (6–4, 240) and sophomore Larry "Boomer" Foster (6–5, 240).

The Gamecocks are pretty solid in the offensive line and in the running department. To plug the vacancy at center, Woods has shifted senior Kenny Farrell (6–3, 275) from guard. There are two massive tackles in senior Ernest Dye (6–6, 335) and junior Corey Louchiey (6–9, 305), a transfer from South Carolina State. Dye, a potential all-star, led the team in '91 with 11 pancake and 32 knockdown blocks. Despite his size, he has exceptionally quick feet.

The guard position combines experience and youth. Senior Antoine Rivens (6–2, 270), a solid player and the squad's most experienced lineman, holds down the right side, and sophomore Vincent Dinkins (6–2, 285) operates on the left.

The running game is something that makes the Gamecocks optimistic about the coming season. Living up to the tradition of great Gamecock running backs is sophomore Brandon Bennett, who had a strong freshman year with 702 yards and nine touchdowns. He rushed for 72 yards in South Carolina's stunning upset of Georgia Tech and had a school-record 278 yards against East Tennessee State, erasing the old Jeff Grantz mark of 260. Writers and broadcasters named him Freshman of the Year in the state.

A slight knee sprain limited Bennett's spring work.

Junior Rob DeBoer (285 yards, one touchdown), who missed two games with an ankle injury, teams with Bennett for a good 1-2 punch in the backfield. DeBoer missed spring practice in order to play baseball.

You can place the next Gamecock back in either of two categories, back or receiver. Senior Leroy Jeter, as H-back, doesn't do any running; rather, he's the top returning receiver on the squad with 27 catches, 272 yards and two touchdowns, and he's a solid blocker.

Woods enjoys good depth at running back. Behind Bennett and DeBoer, he has junior Cleon Jones Jr., son of the baseball player of the same name; sophomore Terry Wilburn; redshirt freshman Mike Reddick; and junior college transfer Gay Henry.

Placekicker Marty Simpson is only a sophomore and will be around for a long career in the SEC. Last year he made good on six of 13 field-goal attempts and 28 of 32 point after tries. Freshman Derwin Jeffcoat and Ben Little are candidates for the punting job.

Defensively, the Gamecocks have some holes to fill. Starters were lost at both outside linebacker positions, inside linebacker and both defensive end slots, but there is returning talent.

Senior inside linebacker Eric Brown (6–2, 225) was the No. 1 tackler in '91 with 101 stops (69 solo). He was also the team leader in in-

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JOHN SANDHAUS



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No Blarney, It's The Irish

By JOHN McBRYDE
Associate Editor

Beginning around 3 p.m. EST on Nov. 9, 1991, and lasting until nearly 10 p.m. New Year's Day, the nation witnessed a rather unusual phenomenon known as The Duck of the Irish.

To wit: From the start of Notre Dame's second half against Tennessee and including regular-season games against Penn State and Hawaii and the first half of its USF&G Sugar Bowl appearance with Florida, the Irish defense ducked out of sight.

But within the locker-room walls of the Louisiana Superdome, as the bands played festively and TV spectators switched to the Federal Express Orange Bowl, Lou Holtz must have given his utmost in vocal-cord strategy. For in the second half, the Fighting Irish lived up to their nickname with a vengeance. Notre Dame's defense completely stifled the Gators in the third period, and its offense rallied from nine points down to help post a 39–28 win.

Holtz's halftime speech is still ringing in the ears of the 10 starters returning to the Irish defense. It'll be ringing just as loudly come fall. And unfortunately for teams with equally high aspirations in 1992, the reverberations will result in Notre Dame winning the national championship. The Irish are *Athlon*'s pick for No. 1.

First and foremost, of course, there is the matter of the defense. Notre Dame defenders were young and bruised last year, and they gave up 21.8 points and 382.3 yards a game. But Holtz hired a new defensive coordinator in Rick Minter, formerly assistant head coach at Ball State, and he shows promise of instilling a more aggressive nature in the lads.

Key returnee on defense is linebacker Demetrius DuBose, who led the team in tackles last season with 127. End Devon McDonald and tackle Bryant Young, who combined on 20 tackles for losses, shore up the line. Cornerback Tom Carter, who led the Irish in interceptions with five, and free safety Jeff Burris anchor the secondary.

Without going so far as to nominate him for a Nobel Prize, let us make this statement about Notre Dame quarterback Rick Mirer: Had he opted for the NFL, Irish hopes for a national title would rank just behind Hillary Clinton's chances of hanging drapes in the White House. Mirer moves the offense with precision; he did so last year by completing 132 of 234 passes for 2,117 yards and 18 touchdowns, and scoring nine rushing touchdowns.

Mirer may or may not prove to be the best quarterback in the country, but there's no doubt that Jerome Bettis is the top fullback. The 6–0, 247-pound junior rushed for an average of 5.8 yards a carry and 16 touchdowns. He ran for three scores in the final quarter of the Sugar Bowl game. However, Holtz and his assistants must find a replacement for the departed Tony Brooks at tailback.

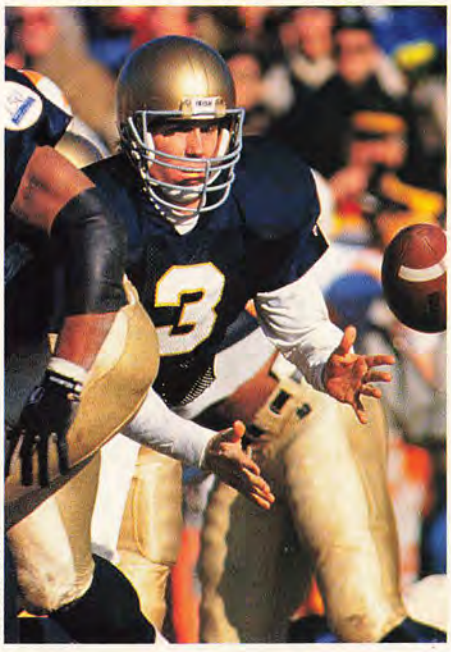
While they're looking, the Miami Hurricanes are making plans to become the first team to repeat as national champion since Alabama in 1979. Like Notre Dame, the 'Canes (No. 1 in the final Associated Press poll) have a decent defense themselves. Unlike the Irish, they don't need any pep talks.

Miami led the country in scoring defense, allowing just 9.1 points a game. Six starters return, led by All-America linebacker Darrin Smith. The 6–1, 228-pound senior recorded 18 tackles in the Hurricanes' pivotal win over Florida State. Smith gets strong support from end Rusty Medearis and cornerback Ryan McNeil.

Offensively, Miami is led by senior quarterback Gino Torretta. He's 15–1 as a starter, and last year he threw for 3,095 yards, 20 touchdowns and only eight interceptions. Torretta's favorite receivers, Lamar Thomas and Horace Copeland, return after combining for 1,215 yards on 70 catches. The running game is paced by senior fullback Stephen McGuire.

Another team with defending on its mind is Washington, ranked No. 1 last season in the coaches' poll. The Huskies lost Outland Trophy

One has to ad-Mirer Notre Dame's QB.



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ATHLON TOP 25

1. NOTRE DAME
2. MIAMI
3. WASHINGTON
4. MICHIGAN
5. ALABAMA
6. TEXAS A&M
7. SYRACUSE
8. PENN STATE
9. FLORIDA STATE
10. NEBRASKA
11. FLORIDA
12. COLORADO
13. GEORGIA
14. ILLINOIS
15. GEORGIA TECH
16. UCLA
17. TEXAS TECH
18. MICHIGAN ST.
19. MISSISSIPPI ST.
20. SAN DIEGO ST.
21. SOUTHERN CAL
22. N.C. STATE
23. ARIZONA
24. OKLAHOMA
25. TENNESSEE

OTHERS TO WATCH: Arizona State, Brigham Young, California, Clemson, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana State, North Carolina, Ohio State, Pittsburgh, Stanford, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia



LARRY KINKER

Linebacker Smith will be Darrin foes to challenge Miami's status of defending champion.

winner Steve Emtman at defensive tackle, but they return most of the integral parts of a 12–0 team.

Billy Joe Hobert, who started at quarterback for the more experienced but injured Mark Brunell, finished second in the Pacific-10 in passing efficiency with a conference-leading 22 touchdown tosses. Both are back, as is tailback Beno Bryant, who rushed for 6 yards a carry.

The defensive front lost not only Emtman but also two other starters. However, the return of linebacker Dave Hoffmann and cornerback Walter Bailey helps ease the pain.

Washington just might meet Michigan again in the Rose Bowl. The Wolverines lost a total of 23 touchdowns when Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard took his post patterns to the NFL, but a predicament like that sometimes is a blessing in disguise. Returning as a talented target for quarterback Elvis Grbac is Derrick Alexander, who missed all but the first game last season with a knee injury. Tailback Ricky Powers is still on hand after rushing for 1,187 yards and nine touchdowns in '91. Nine starters return on defense, including line anchor Chris Hutchinson at tackle. Linebacker Steve Morrison led the team in interceptions with four, and free safety Corwin Brown is the top tackler.

Alabama faces an unusual situation. First, it has to win a championship on the field before it can earn enough votes to win one off the field. With the new two-division alignment of the Southeastern Conference, the champion must survive a—egad!—playoff game.

The Crimson Tide, coming off a somewhat surprising 11–1 season, welcomes back nine starters on offense and six on defense. Quarterback Jay Barker leads an O whose only question is tailback. The passing game could be exciting with David Palmer, Prince Wimbley and Kevin Lee serving as catchers. The defense is led by a veteran line, Antonio London at linebacker and George Teague at free safety.

With Arkansas having departed for the SEC and Texas getting adjusted to a new coach, Texas A&M will be back on top of the Southwestern Conference. Greg Hill, who finished second in the conference in rushing as a freshman, heads an offense that returns nine starters. Seven are back on defense, led by linebacker Jason Atkinson.

Syracuse returns only four starters on defense, but the offense is loaded with players who can put up the numbers until the D gets its feet wet. Quarterback Marvin Graves, receiver Qadry Ismail and running back David Walker should keep statisticians busy. The Orangemen play their toughest games in the Carrier Dome.

This season marks Penn State's last chance to win a national title as an independent. After 106 years of free-lancing, the Nittany Lions join the Big Ten in 1993. Coach Joe Paterno's chief concern is the lack of an experienced quarterback. O.J. McDuffie is one of the nation's outstanding receivers, and three starters return to the line. Tackle Tyoka Jackson and linebacker Rich McKenzie, who combined for 17½ sacks, bolster the defense.

Now that Florida State is a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, maybe Bobby Bowden finally can hold a championship trophy in his hands. Who knows, irony might bring Bowden the national title that has eluded him so many times as coach of an independent. All-America linebacker Marvin Jones certainly will do his part to keep aspirations high. Quarterback Charlie Ward has big shoes to fill as departed Casey Weldon's replacement.

Nebraska faces a catch-22 situation: The Cornhuskers can't win a national title without winning the Big Eight crown, but finishing on top in the conference means losing in the Orange Bowl. At least it's been that way in their last three trips to Miami and five of their last six. Nevertheless, hopes are high as Lincoln logs the return of 13 starters. I-back Derek Brown leads the offense while free safety Tyrone Byrd sparks the defense.

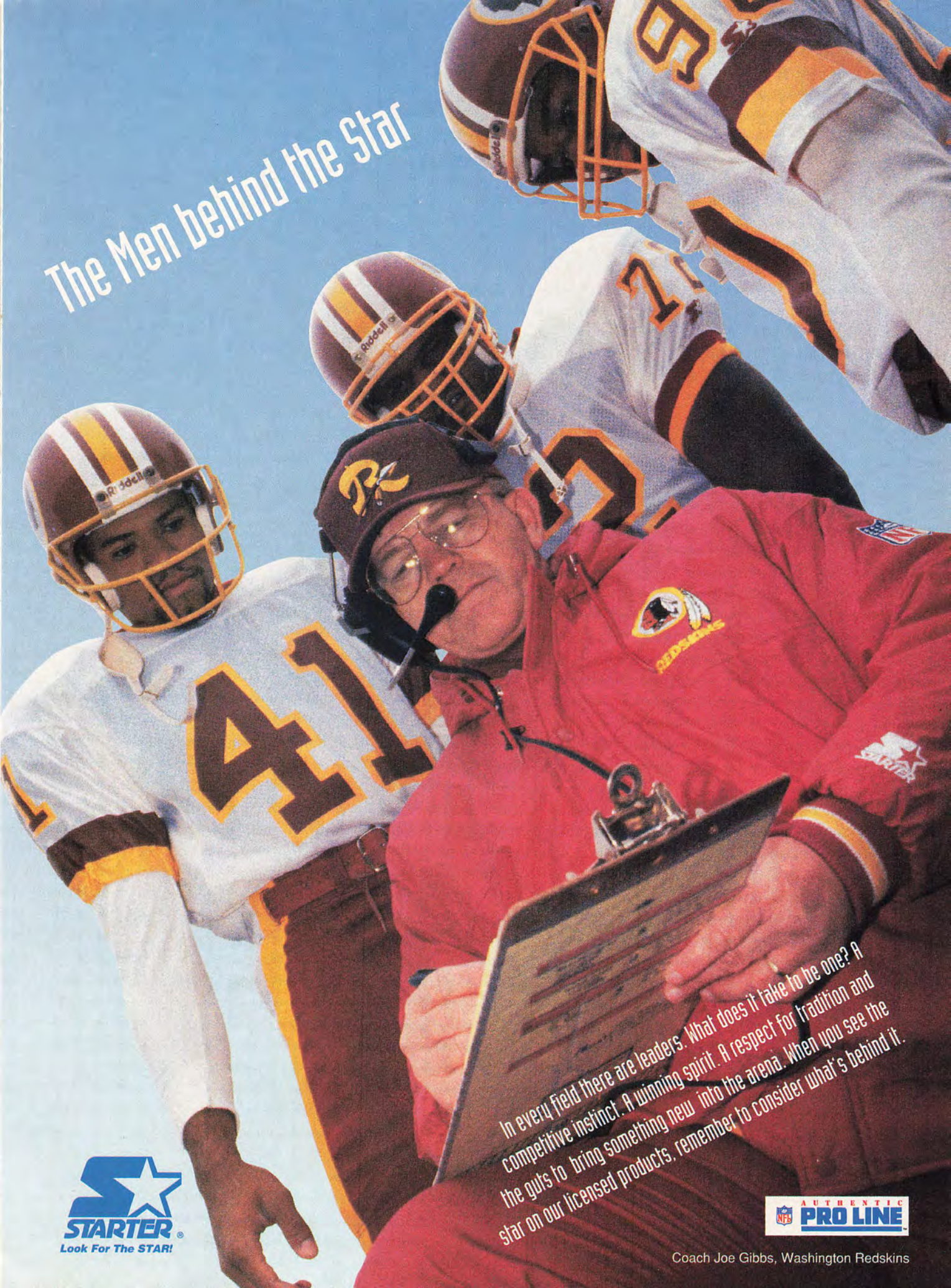
Florida, with quarterback Shane Matthews gunning for the Heisman Trophy, heads the list of *Athlon*'s second 10. Colorado must fill in a quarterback gap but looks strong elsewhere, particularly on defense. Sophomore signal-caller Eric Zeier engineers an explosive Georgia offense, and if the Bulldogs' defense comes together they'll be in the thick of things. Highly rated quarterbacks Jason Verduzco and Shawn Jones direct Illinois and Georgia Tech respectively.

ULCA could give Washington a run for the Rose. Look for Texas Tech, with quarterback Robert Hall and safety Tracy Saul, to take over for Baylor as the SWC's sleeper. Tailback Tico Duckett and his Michigan State teammates are out to prove that last year's 3–8 record was a fluke, while Mississippi State coach Jackie Sherrill is out to show that the Bulldogs' success in '91 wasn't one. Marshall Faulk, the nation's leading rusher last season as a freshman, generates optimism among San Diego State fans that the Aztecs will post only their second-ever Top 20 finish and first since 1977. ■

The Huskies look to make a run with Bryant.



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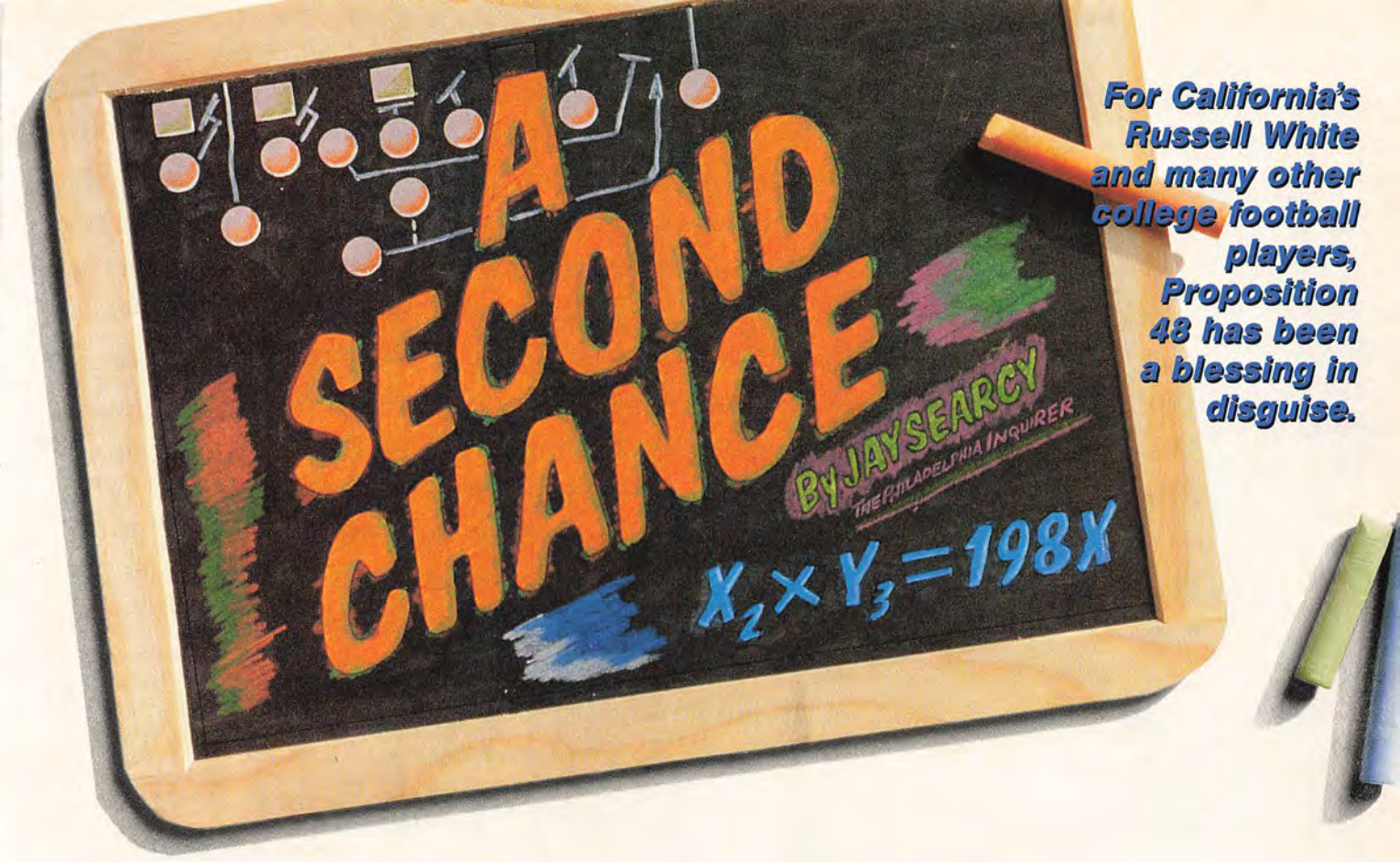
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For California's Russell White and many other college football players, Proposition 48 has been a blessing in disguise.

RANDY POWERS

Russell White grew up in a neighborhood in the Los Angeles area that is beset by crime and poverty. He is black, and being black in America means that life in general has been a little harder.

White has a form of dyslexia, a learning disability, that makes English look Greek and learning algebra seem impossible. White can remember passing only one algebra test in high school.

And, just his luck, the National Collegiate Athletic Association enacted tougher college entrance eligibility legislation only a few years before White, now an All-America running back at the University of California, began to attract national attention by breaking state high school rushing records in California.

The new rule, Proposition 48, was adopted in 1983 and implemented in 1986. It was expected by many to deny football players such as White a chance to attend college under the grant-in-aid scholarship program. It gave White cause for concern, and indeed, some schools did close their doors to Proposition 48 students.

White's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores were below the qualifying minimum of 700, and that's about the worst thing that can happen to a star athlete looking for a football scholarship at a major college.

But Proposition 48 changed White's luck and turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to him and to scores of other athletes across the country. Although some of them objected in the beginning, they soon began to use the Proposition 48 guidelines to find themselves academically, to restructure their lives and to set goals never before dreamed of.

"Without college football," White says, "because of where I'm from, it probably would have been a life of crime (for me). That's where a lot of kids go. They don't get out and so get swallowed up in it. My dad left us when I was 6 or 7 and it was just me and Mom and I wasn't a good student, so Proposition 48 was like a second chance, a chance to start over."

Several big football schools, following new policy, stopped recruiting White when they heard his test results. Except for a little hurt, it didn't matter, White says, because he ended up at California, where he has led the Golden Bears out of the Pacific-10 cellar and into two straight bowl games. A senior this fall, he's a leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy and, best of all, he's a B student with a new attitude about life and about himself.

Proposition 48 is one of the most talked-about and hotly debated pieces of legislation ever enacted by the NCAA. It concerns academic standards and freshman eligibility, two of the most passionately contested issues in the history of collegiate athletics.

Proposition 48 stipulates that a student-athlete, before he or she can accept athletic department aid or participate in college athletics, must have maintained a 2.0 grade-point average in 11 core-curriculum courses and scored at least 700 on the SAT or a 15 composite score on the American College Test (ACT).

Partial qualifiers may be admitted on a trial basis under Proposition 48, given tutorial help and provided with an opportunity to prove they can handle college academics. In the fall of 1990, 708 partial qualifiers enrolled in Division I schools. Football accounted for 283 of them.

For White, the key figure in California's resurging football program, Proposition 48 was especially rewarding. Just when he was about to give up on himself, his tutors at California discovered his dyslexia. Because of deficient test scores dating back to elementary school, White had been labeled a poor student and allowed to drift academically.

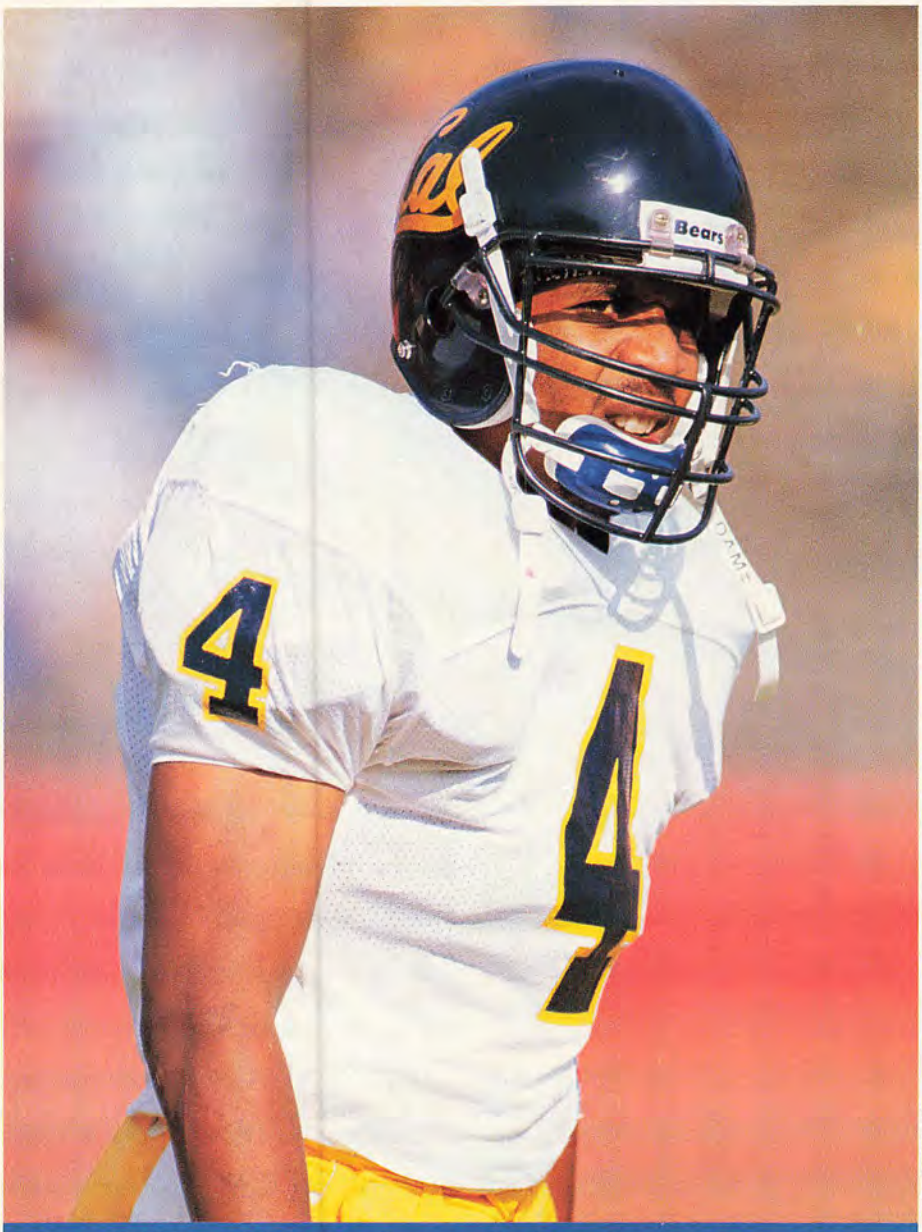
"Other kids would study an hour (for a test) and get good grades, and I'd wonder why I couldn't do that," White says.

Proposition 48 critics, especially those from predominantly black colleges, contend that test scores discriminate against minorities and that weak students from poor families have little chance of succeeding under its stringent guidelines. And, they note, Prop 48 students are penalized by the loss of a year's eligibility.

White grew up watching his famous uncle, Charles White, play at Southern California. Russell wanted to attend USC, too, and join the storied ranks of Trojan running backs like O.J. Simpson, Mike Garrett, Marcus Allen and Charles White—all Heisman Trophy winners.

"I grew up wanting to go to USC because of my uncle," White says. "All I ever saw was cardinal and gold. But when it was my turn, it wasn't the place for me (USC adopted a no-Prop 48 policy). I understand that. This (California) is the place for me, and it's a wonderful feeling to be a part of what's happened here."

A SECOND CHANCE



PETER BROUILLET

Russell White: "Without college football, . . . it probably would have been a life of crime (for me)."

White's story reads like a fairy tale. A high school All-America running back at Crespi High in Encino, he rushed for 5,998 yards, a state record, scored 94 touchdowns and was named to California's all-decade team of the 1980s. At age 14, he high-jumped 6-8½, a national age-group record that still stands.

Although White had met the required 2.0 grade-point average for high school classwork, he failed on several attempts to score the minimum requirement on the SAT, and some Division I schools stopped pursuing him. California, which had recruited White since he was a sophomore, never backed away, despite criticism from some students, faculty and Pac-10 football rivals for "compromising the school's academic standards."

White was away from football for the first time since he was 7 when he sat out his freshman year, the hardest thing he's ever had to do. After a shaky first semester in which he sometimes missed appointments with tutors, slept through classes and sulked because he couldn't play football, White suddenly saw the light.

While he was home for the Christmas holidays, some of White's friends seemed surprised that he had not flunked out already. The remarks upset him. He looked around and realized what his life would be like without football. White went back to Berkeley with a new attitude, asked for additional help from tutors and got his grades in shape (he had a 3.0 grade-point average his second semester).

In his varsity football debut as a sophomore in 1990 at the Golden Bears' Memorial Stadium, White returned a kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown against defending national champion Miami the first time he touched the football as a collegian. He completed his sophomore year with more than 1,000 yards rushing and a berth on the All-Pac-10 team.

In 1991 White was on the Walter Camp Foundation and Football Writers Association of America All-America teams, and California finished in the Top 10 (No. 8) for the first time since 1950.

White is just one of many Prop 48 successes. Former Colorado quarterback Sal Aunese, whose losing battle with cancer inspired the Buffaloes to an undefeated 1989 regular season, was a Prop 48 student. Aunese was a junior starter when his fatal disease was diagnosed. He was on schedule to graduate in the spring of 1990 but died Sept. 23, 1989.

Perhaps the greatest academic turnaround was that of Nebraska's Johnny Mitchell, a Prop 48 tight end from Chicago's Simeon High School. He not only made All-Big Eight as a freshman in 1990, but also made the Big Eight All-Academic squad with a 3.1 grade-point average in '91.

Nebraska has another success story in defensive tackle Kevin Ramaekers, who used Prop 48 to turn his life around.

"I had been using my athletics to get away with things," says Ramaekers, now a junior starter for the Cornhuskers. "Looking back, I was using a lot of people. I remember a coach told me, 'You know, you're headed down the wrong road.' But nothing bad had ever happened to me, and I believed that nothing would. Athletics came very easy for me, and I was getting passing grades just going to class and listening. My dad had warned me, but I didn't think I'd have any trouble passing the ACT."

Ramaekers was at school when he saw his ACT score: 14. It was one point short of the NCAA requirement. His math score was on a sixth-grade level. He was hurt, ashamed, angry at himself. And his hometown newspaper in Norfolk, Neb., embarrassed him with this headline: "Ramaekers Fails ACT."

"I cried on the spot," he says. "I had to face my friends and my family. Being an All-American in football, wrestling and track, I was getting offers from all over, and I saw everything going out the window. Dad owns a welding business, and without college I probably would have ended up working for him. Nothing wrong with that, but it's not what I wanted. I knew he wouldn't pay my way through college, and I just couldn't see myself stuck in Norfolk."

Ramaekers took the test six times but his scores only got worse. "I just didn't have the fundamentals," he says. "I was just this big, 6-4,

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285-pound person, but my brain was that of a little boy."

Ramaekers enrolled at Nebraska as a Prop 48 student, worked nights loading trucks, hired a private tutor at $10 an hour and took his classwork seriously for the first time in his life.

"I'm glad it happened," Ramaekers says. "There is no place for laziness in Proposition 48. I don't wish it on anybody because the year I sat out just killed me. But now I know what I'm doing. I'm making a 3.0. It's not all peaches and cream, but I know where I'm going now."

Johnny Footman, a 6–5, 385-pound offensive tackle from Lakeland, Fla., was prepared to enroll at a junior college when Grambling State made him a Proposition 48 offer. He was a partial qualifier and many Division I schools had backed away from him.

"Sitting out a year helped me a lot," Footman says. "I got adjusted. I had nothing to do but work. I got to know the school, and for the first time in my life, I applied myself."

Footman handled the classwork so well his first semester that he vowed to make the honor roll the second semester, and he succeeded with a 3.4 grade-point average. "I just wanted to prove something to myself," he says.

Footman's next goal is a degree from Grambling State in therapeutic recreation. He returns this fall as a junior with a 2.7 average.

"Many of our kids fall into that category," says Stan Lewis, Grambling's sports information director. "We give anybody a second chance because of what a lot of them go through at home. You can't turn your back because they didn't pass a test."

Andrew Glover, a three-sport letterman at Grambling State who is now with the Los Angeles Raiders, earned a degree and has started graduate work.

Auburn graduate Mark Boring and his twin-brother Mike, who is near graduation, signed as defensive tackles and were Proposition 48 casualties.

"Neither of us was playing very much," Mark says, "so I just concentrated on my education and graduated in four years. I could have gone to a junior college and been hurt, and I wouldn't have gotten my education." Mark is now a 24-year-old merchandiser with a beverage company and lives in Auburn.

"So far," says Lisa Knight, one of the academic advisors who tutors Auburn athletes, "we've never had anybody (Prop 48 players) leave before their eligibility was up."

Glenn Rogers Jr., a Prop 48 defensive back and 1991 Memphis State alumnus, never thought he would miss his graduation excercises, but he did. Rogers was at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' training camp last August when he asked if he could be excused for a day in order to attend.

"You want to walk down an aisle or do you want to play football?" a coach for the NFL team asked him.

Rogers' diploma was mailed to him. He was cut by Tampa Bay during the 1991 season, but he left camp with his diploma.

At the University of Houston, James Bevil, a defensive tackle who wants to become a probation officer in his hometown of Jasper, Texas, said Proposition 48 was perfect for him.

"I could do the regular work in high school," Bevil says, "but I wasn't that good on tests. The time limits bothered me. That was my weakness. Here, they showed me how to take notes, how to listen, what to look for on tests, how to take a test, how to do homework, how to manage my time. Nobody had ever helped me like that. I lost a year of football and that was valuable to me. But I've come a long way. I'm due to graduate in '93 with a degree in sociology."

Some schools will not reveal Prop 48 names because many student-athletes are sensitive about it.

"It's like you're wearing a scarlet letter," says Dale Dawkins, a former Prop 48 student and wide receiver at the University of Miami who has spent the last two years with the New York Jets. "Everybody kept telling my mother I'd never make it." But after Dawkins' rookie season with the Jets, he completed his studies at Miami and graduated. "June 10, 1990," he says proudly. "I'll never forget it."



NEBRASKA DEPT. OF ATHLETICS

Kevin Ramaekers: "I just didn't have the fundamentals."

Dawkins, from Vero Beach, Fla., always dreamed of playing pro football, but he never knew a pro career was so tenuous. "It's the most pressure I've ever felt," Dawkins says. "It's good to know that you have a degree to fall back on."

Syracuse has always been protective of its Proposition 48 players and is reluctant to discuss them. But an academic advisor there, Dick Witham, says that even those who take the Prop 48 route and fail to make it in college may benefit from the brief college experience.

"I can't say that those who came here (under Prop 48) left here any worse than when they arrived," Witham says. "In some cases, it has taken them out of a bad environment and introduced them to a new one."

The NCAA Research Committee is now engaged in collecting data on Prop 48, tracking signees since 1986. The completed study is expected to be released this year.

One interesting change noted during the 1990-91 academic year (the latest year for which figures are available) was a decrease in enrollment of freshman partial qualifiers in both football and men's basketball. A possible explanation is that, beginning in 1990, students had to pay their own way as freshmen under Prop 48 guidelines. Until then, athletic department aid was available.

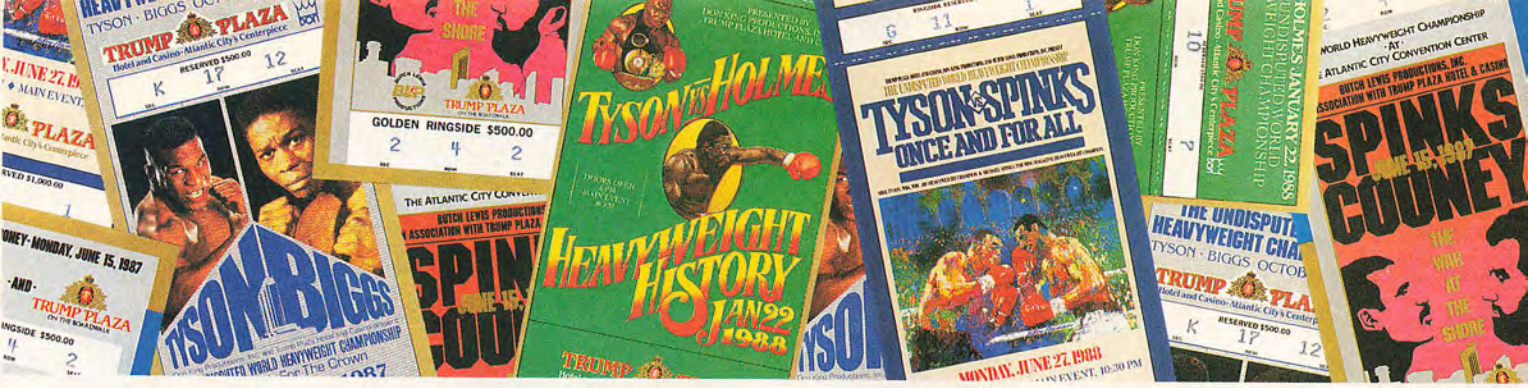
In new legislation adopted by the NCAA this January for implementation in 1995, a high school student-athlete must achieve a 2.5 grade-point average in 13 core-curriculum courses. A "sliding scale" permits a 2.0 GPA provided the applicant scores 900 on the SAT or 21 on the ACT. As of 1992, the qualifying minimum ACT score stands at 17. These tougher standards have encountered early opposition.

The issue isn't settled. But Proposition 48 has broken important new ground—and rescued some broken young lives. ■

James Bevil: "I lost a year of football. . . . But I've come a long way."



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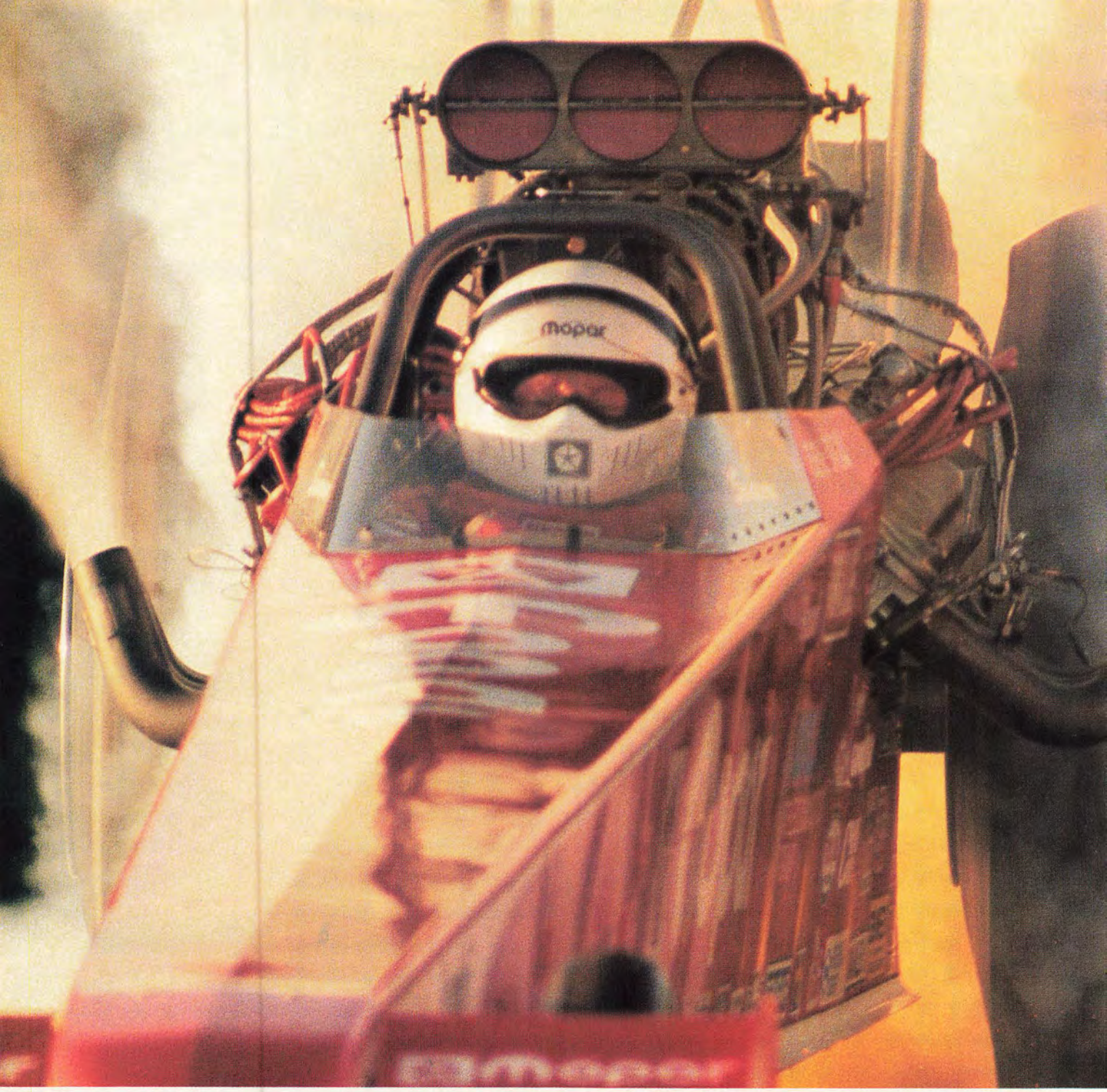
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Crazy: Lions Caged By Big Bowls

By STEVE WIEBERG
USA TODAY

Gaze for a moment into college football's crystal ball. . . .

Sept. 5: Penn State opens its 1992 season at Cincinnati. A blowout, 45–14. The Nittany Lion Express begins to roll.

Oct. 10: Defending national champion Miami struts into State College, Pa. The Lions are ready. They win. And at midseason, they're a perfect 6–0.

Nov. 21: A week after beating Notre Dame—on an O.J. McDuffie punt return late in the fourth quarter—the Lions close the regular season with a businesslike, two-touchdown victory over Pittsburgh. Their record: 11–0. Their rank: No. 1.

The image isn't so far-fetched. Find a quarterback and Penn State could be that good. It's the next step, however, that would be nearly beyond belief: no Orange Bowl for Joe Paterno and the Nittany Lions, no Sugar or Cotton or Fiesta, no national championship showdown in some suitable or traditional location. Maybe they'd wind up in the Blockbuster Bowl, playing the third-best team from the Southeastern Conference. Or in the Peach Bowl, playing some non-champion from some other league.

Such is the fallout from a year of deal-making between conferences and bowls. Somehow, someway, Penn State got squeezed.

The Lions are locked out of the newly formed bowl alliance, which includes the Federal Express Orange, USF&G Sugar, Mobil Cotton and Fiesta. And they're not yet eligible for the Big Ten-affiliated Rose, Florida Citrus or Thrifty Car Rental Holiday. Penn State's Big Ten membership doesn't take effect in football until 1993.

"Nothing against Penn State," says commissioner Gene Corrigan of the alliance-member Atlantic Coast Conference. "It couldn't be put together and work any other way. I have great empathy for where they are."

Crazy, yes. But these are increasingly crazy times throughout intercollegiate athletics.

Costs are spiraling. Congress is meddling. Conferences continue to shuffle their decks.

NCAA investigators are suddenly the investigated, and football's bowls are in danger of being bowled over by the Internal Revenue Service. With help from the National Football League.

What the NCAA's Dick Schultz predicted for the '90s—a "decade of change"—is upon us. Call it evolution. Even revolution. Where it stops, nobody professes to know.

Imagine:

- The college landscape reduced to a handful of superconferences.

A good bit of reshuffling took place after Penn State joined the Big Ten, but some big dominoes are yet to fall. The Big Ten will not sit on an unwieldy 11 teams. New-member speculation is increasingly falling on Texas, which (coincidentally?) lured football coach John Mackovic from Illinois. That jump almost certainly would send Texas A&M to the already-expanded Southeastern Conference.

Merge the weakened Southwest Conference with the Big Eight and the Pacific-10 with the Western Athletic. The Big East and Atlantic Coast already are playing footsie, with their

With O.J. McDuffie starring, Penn State is shooting for the top despite being locked out of major bowls this season.



CHARLES CUPPETT



LAYNE MURDOCH

Realignment is ending ancient rivalries, possibly even Texas vs. Texas A&M—horrors!

short-lived basketball challenge series and late-1991 threat to bolt the alliance to meet in the upstart Blockbuster.

- An NCAA incapable of enforcing its own rules.

The association has a lot riding on its court challenge of a Nevada due-process law, which has stymied its investigation and likely punishment of Nevada-Las Vegas' basketball program. Lose, the NCAA admits, and it will be able to do nothing with the Rebels or any other program in a state with similar legislation.

The NCAA made an effort to appease the lawmakers in 1991, approving most of a proposed overhaul of its enforcement program, but apparently it didn't go far enough. Three other states have similar due-process laws on the books, and some half-dozen others are weighing the issue. The courts, the NCAA says, are its last resort.

Beyond that, there's the threat of federal intervention. Rep. Tom McMillen's Collegiate Athletic Reform Act would reorganize the NCAA into a Department of Education-approved entity run by a new Board of Presidents and, among other things, base the distribution of TV and postseason revenue on something other than won-lost records. A House subcommittee, on which McMillen sits, is holding a series of hearings on college athletics and might be inclined toward more legislative intrusion.

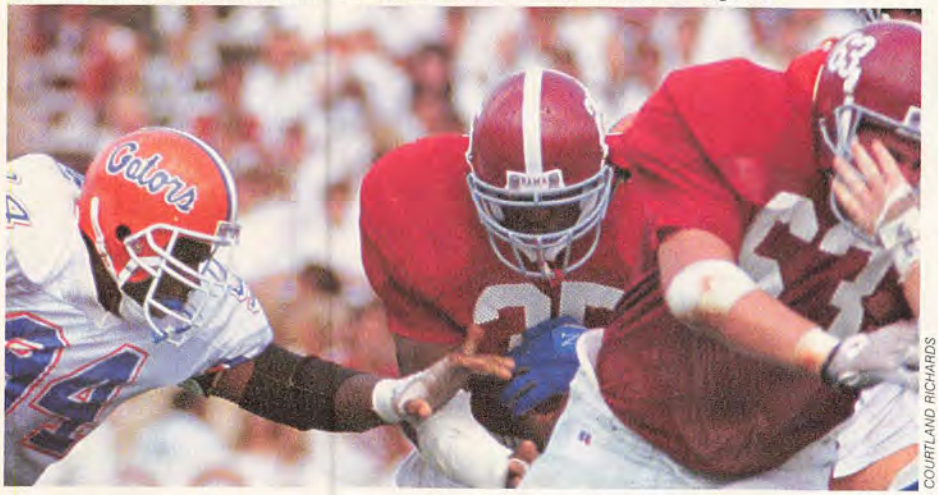
- Athletic schedules whittled down to regional opponents.

Some 70 percent of the schools in the NCAA's Division I are losing money, by Schultz's count, and must find budgetary relief somewhere. Maybe by limiting national competition to only a few sports. Or eliminating scholarships for the Olympic sports. Or killing off altogether some non-revenue-producing sports, such as swimming and gymnastics.

Or maybe . . . a football playoff.

True, college presidents aren't in the mood for that now. A high-stakes playoff, the NCAA Presidents Commission insists, runs counter to its current mood to de-emphasize athletics.

SEC reshuffling may bring about a Florida-Alabama interdivisional title game.



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But let them complete their reform agenda in the next couple of years. Let most of the major television contracts expire in mid-decade. Let the bowls continue to struggle with the IRS, which wants to tax their sponsorship income, and the NFL, whose expanding schedule threatens to crowd them off TV. Let the colleges' financial vise tighten, and the lure of an eight-figure payday for even a one-game playoff brightens. Don't bet against the presidents acquiescing.

A private-sector proposal to match Miami and Washington at the end of last season was made on too short-notice to have a chance. But its estimated $30 million in revenues probably opened some NCAA eyes.

The expanded SEC will start whetting appetites this season, staging a one-game playoff for the winners of its two six-team divisions projected to earn up to $7 million—not including television. A 1989 study by the College Football Association estimated the take from a full-blown, 16-team national playoff at $60-100 million.

"It is one of the few real revenue sources left that's totally untapped," Clemson athletic director Bobby Robinson says.

"It's going to come," Navy athletic director Jack Lengyel predicts. "It's just a question of when."

When. A popular question nowadays.

Black coaches are asking, as well. As in: When are the NCAA's 107 Division I-A schools going to join the 1990s?

A year ago, the I-A ranks included three black head football coaches. But Francis Peay was fired at Northwestern, Dennis Green left Stanford for the NFL and Willie Brown was left without a program when Long Beach State dropped the sport. Suddenly, there were none. Zero. Zip.

"A sad commentary on intercollegiate athletics," Clemson defensive coordinator Ron Dickerson calls it, "especially with the number of black athletes involved in football."

Dickerson's frustration is professional; he is president of the Black Coaches Association. And it's personal; he happens to be one of the nation's most-qualified black head-coaching candidates, along with New Mexico State's Matt Simon, Michigan State's Charlie Baggett, Washington State's Ted Williams and Baylor's Ed Lambert.

"We are concerned," Dickerson says, "that big money still controls intercollegiate athletics. If that's true, it's going to be another five or 10 years before we get an opportunity. You're talking about alumni and boosters who have the old stereotypes about blacks. They don't understand that they (black coaches) can carry on intelligent conversations outside X's and O's, that they can socialize, that they can recruit anybody in the country."

Dickerson's solution: Get university presidents involved in the hiring process. "They're

making it public that they're taking more control of athletic departments. But they're prioritizing and they shouldn't be. Academics is not more important than cost-containment. And cost-containment is not more important than the hiring of a coach."

That, however, isn't part of a long-range game plan drawn up by the powerful Presidents Commission. After hammering home NCAA reforms in academics, time demands on student-athletes and, to a lesser extent, cost-containment in recent years, it has targeted a new, school-by-school certification program: simplification of the NCAA's legislative process and the acquisition of even broader powers for the 44-person commission.

The certification proposal, expected to come to a vote at the NCAA's January 1993 convention, is a pet project of Schultz's. It would subject schools to close scrutiny every five years in areas ranging from admission policies and athletes' academic progress to cost control, rules compliance and the conduct of both athletes and coaches.

The program likely would carry no specific penalties, at least initially, but Schultz says, "A lot of people feel we don't need that because not being certified would be devastating to a school."

The NCAA also will vote next January on the two biggest recommendations for change in its much-criticized enforcement program: open hearings and appointment of an outside magistrate to run them. The worsening financial crunch is an expected agenda item in 1994, though there are doubts about what more can be done nationally after 1991-approved cuts in scholarships, size of coaching staffs and scope of recruiting.

Schultz also is looking for added flexibility in the application of NCAA rules, suggesting that one set ultimately should exist for football, basketball and one or two other revenue-producing sports, and another set for other, lower-profile sports.

But overall, the NCAA executive director is ready to "step back, take a deep breath, fine-tune what has happened, let these (recently enacted) things settle in and be sure they are doing exactly what we'd hoped they would do."

Just as the ACC's Corrigan, the Orange Bowl's Steve Hatchell and others will do with their on-the-field handiwork: the bowl alliance.

The nine-year plan, which goes into effect this season, will fit 11 teams: the SEC champion; both champions and runners-up from the Big Eight, Big East, Atlantic Coast and Southwest Conferences; the Pacific-10 runner-up; and Notre Dame—into the Orange, Sugar, Cotton, Fiesta and three secondary bowls.

One objective is to clean up the bowls' messy team-selection process. That will be accomplished with a modified draft of teams. Another aim is to present the best possible matchups on New Year's Day. But, alas, they may fail in that as often as they succeed.

Notably absent from the formula are the Big Ten and Pac-10 champions. Both are committed to the Rose Bowl. Let the Big East's Miami and Pac-10's Washington finish 1–2 in the final regular-season polls again this season, and the result will be the same as the last: They'll play a continent or so apart, unable to decide the national title head-to-head.

"It's not a cure-all," says Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese. "It's something better than we had and something less than a national championship (playoff)."

This inaugural year, with Penn State in limbo, it also could be something of an embarrassment.

"No one will ever convince me that what we have going on here is not sentiment against Penn State for going to the Big Ten," says a miffed Jim Tarman, Penn State's athletic director. "I may be wrong. (But) I can't believe this is not, to a certain degree, 'We'll show those guys.' "

Tarman and the Nittany Lions are dying for the last laugh.

"All we've got to do is win them all and stay No. 1," he says. "Then, it doesn't matter where we play." ■



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terceptions with three. He had 13 tackles in the North Carolina game and 11 solo stops against tough Florida State.

The newcomer on the inside is junior Mike Landry (6–2, 230), who played enough to register 21 tackles, one sack and an interception.

The Gamecocks have a couple of all-star candidates in the secondary in sophomore strong safety Tony Watkins and junior cornerback Frank Adams. Last season, despite their youth, they turned in impressive numbers. Watkins was the fourth-leading tackler on the squad with 70. Included were three stops for losses, one sack and two interceptions. Adams contributed 42 tackles and an interception.

Because of the improvement in personnel, both Watkins and Adams will have a lot of competition this time around. Junior Jerry Inman (37 tackles) is in a nip-and-tuck duel with Adams.

Sophomore Norman Greene (56 stops) and junior Bru Pender (55 tackles) are both capable free safeties, and redshirt sophomore Toby Cates is coming off a 42-tackle season on the left corner. Senior Cedric Surratt is a versatile backup.

"I am hopeful for the first time since I have been here because we have some experience in the secondary," Woods says. "We don't have a great deal of experience because both safeties will be sophomores, but we do have some people who have played together. Frank Adams played a limited number of games for us last year and he will see a lot of time this year as well. (Seniors) Kenny Favors and Rocky Clay have played some and (freshman) Ron Nealy will get a chance to show what he can do.

"I expect to see a great deal of improvement in this area."

The leader upfront is senior nose guard Cedric Bembery (6–0, 285), whose quick movement off the ball enabled him to make a team-high seven tackles behind the line of scrimmage. He also had 47 tackles, three sacks and a fumble recovery.

"We're aware of the caliber of the league we're getting into," says Bembery, "and our practices have changed to reflect new needs. Instead of reading and moving, we've been more physical. We've gone more to attacking. It's going to be very tight in the SEC; we know that.

"From what I hear, we're playing the toughest schedule in the country, and we've got to be ready for it. But we're not changing our goals. Our No. 1 goal is as it's always been—to win enough to go to a bowl game and to play the best we can."

Listed behind Bembery at nose guard are sophomore Jabbar Mayse (6–2, 275) and junior Jahmal Pettiford (6–1, 235). The latter may be doubtful because of an off-season, off-campus incident.

Defensive end features a mixture of experience and youth. The veteran is senior Troy Duke (6–4, 240), who backed up Marty Dye and Bobby Brown last season, and the kid is sophomore David Turnipseed (6–4, 264), a revered Palmetto name. Duke played enough for 34 tackles and four sacks in '91; Turnipseed was credited with 27 tackles of which two were for minus yardage.

Woods indicates one of the key positions is outside linebacker, where the Gamecocks lost 1991 starters Gerald Dixon and Robert Gibson and their 134 total tackles. One of the leading candidates is junior Ernest Dixon (6–2, 245), who has played both inside and outside. He has a great deal of potential, as his 35 tackles in '91 indicate.

No. 1 on the other side is senior Keith Franklin (6–3, 235), who has shown steady improvement. Last year he contributed 25 tackles, one for a loss, one sack, one pass deflection and one interception. Sophomore Konata Reid (6–3, 195) will back up both starters. Outside linebacker could become a real strength if sophomore Lawrence Mitchell (6–6, 230) recovers from knee surgery in time.

Lacking dominant junior and senior players, the Gamecocks' strength lies in freshmen and redshirts. For a year or two at least, they're going to have to bite the bullet. ■

How's this for a picture postcard Saturday: arise, shower, eat breakfast, practice a little football in the early afternoon—and, a few hours later, kick a 53-yard field goal as time expires to win the game.

And, oh yes, your girlfriend is crowned homecoming queen at halftime while you're inside with the team.

Happened last Nov. 2 in Lexington, Ky., on the occasion of homecoming at the University of Kentucky.

"It was a great day," Kentucky kicker Doug Pelfrey says, recalling the 20–17 victory over Cincinnati. "A lot of people said it was like a fairy tale."

He grins at the memory, and you get a glimpse of that toothpaste commercial smile of his. Perfect day. Perfect memory. Perfect teeth.

Pelfrey's smile got an assist from a couple of trips to the orthodontist.

"I hurt my foot in a freak accident when I was a kid, and I wanted to be a podiatrist," he says. "Then I got braces in the fourth grade, and I decided I wanted to be a dentist."

Following that logic, if Pelfrey had been forced to wear glasses, he might have become an optometrist. A knee injury might have led to a career in orthopedic surgery.

But, no, the pieces of the story come together in the dentist's chair. Open your mouth and say "ahhh." Rinse and say hello to Dr. Pelfrey, orthodontist-in-training.

Football is an endeavor that requires diligence, total dedication, complete concentration. And now there's dental school.

This fall, Pelfrey's mornings will be spent as a first-year student at the University of Kentucky Dental School. His afternoons will be punctuated by practice sessions with the football team, putting his right foot to work.

"It's really just a matter of getting your priorities straight, setting aside time to take care of obligations and commitments," Pelfrey says. "You may have to cut into other activities, but that's part of the sacrifice.

"I like the idea of working with kids, helping improve their appearance, giving them more self-confidence in the way they look. About two-thirds of an orthodontist's patients are kids, and I think that will be rewarding."

Pelfrey figures to be called on often this season. As a junior, he was one of the best things Kentucky's offense had going for it. Anytime the Wildcats got on the plus side of midfield, Pelfrey was a realistic threat to supply three points.

The homecoming game-winner against Cincinnati was his longest kick, but Pelfrey had three others of 50 or more yards last year. Two of his four misses during an All-Southeastern Conference junior season were from beyond 50 yards, something he brings up as a fact, not as an excuse.

"I expect to make anything inside 60 yards," Pelfrey says. "From 58 yards or so, that's when I really have to concentrate on driving the ball extra hard. But inside 55 yards is a normal kick for me, and that's why I think I've had some success from that range. I've seen a lot of kickers who try to kill the ball outside 40 yards."

As a senior, Pelfrey has lived through the double jeopardy of rules changes aimed at reducing the role of placekickers in college football. First, the rules took away the tee; then, they narrowed the uprights from 23 feet, 4 inches to 18-6.

"Inside 55 yards is a normal kick for me. . . . I've seen a lot of kickers who try to kill the ball outside 40 yards."

But Pelfrey is still alive and kicking.

"It never seemed to affect me," he says. "I get the ball in the air quickly. I didn't notice that much of a difference between kicking with a tee and kicking without one. And I had always practiced on narrower uprights anyway, so that change didn't play any mind games with me. I never walked out onto the field with the feeling that there's not enough room for the ball to get through.

"I've never been the kind of person to sit around and say, 'What if the uprights were wider?' or 'What if I still had the tee?' I don't think it does you any good to dwell on negative thinking like that."

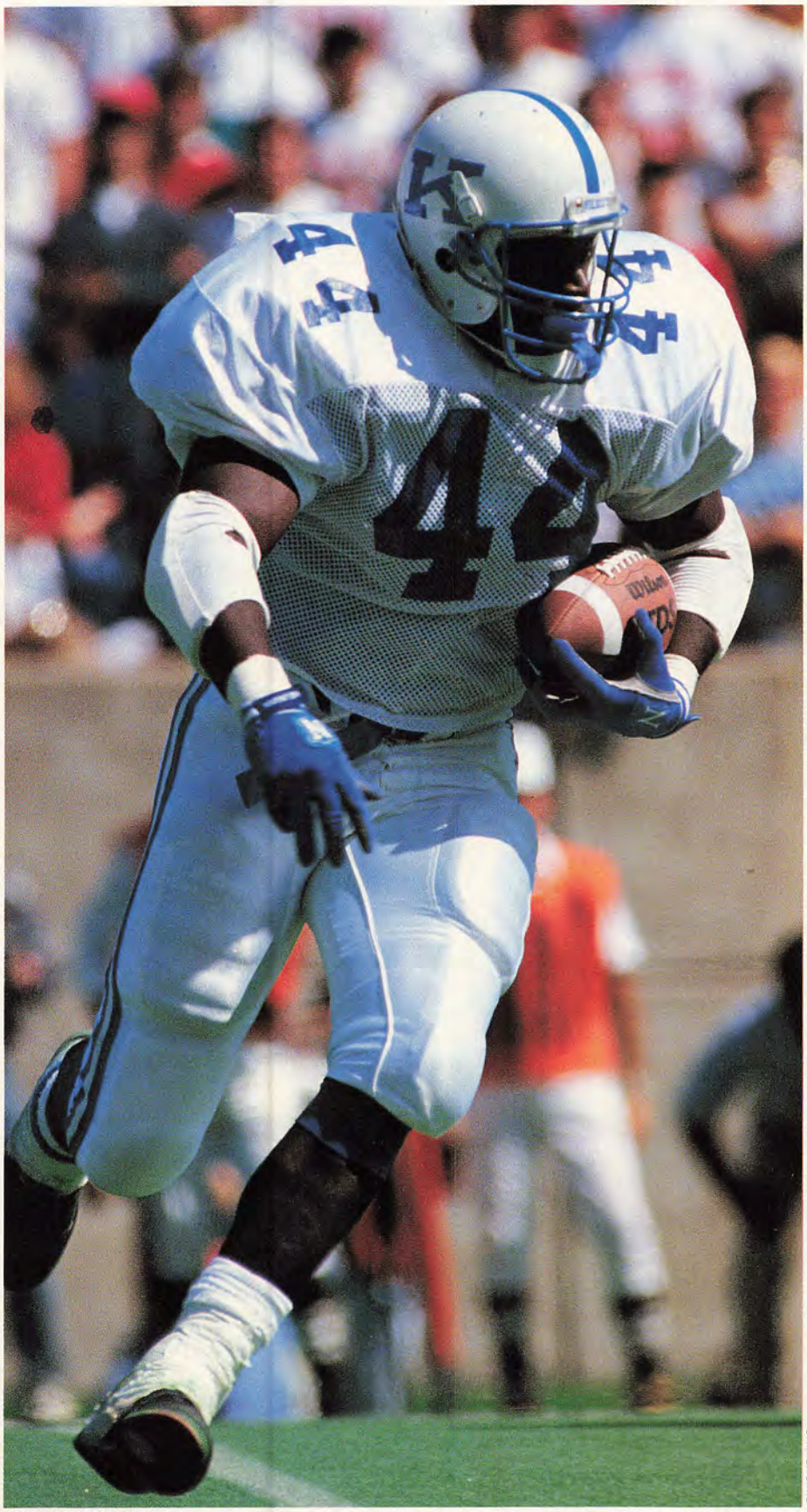
Pelfrey walked on at Kentucky with the intention of playing another position. A multisport athlete at Scott High in Covington, Ky., where he was good enough to attract attention from baseball scouts, he started as a wide receiver and kicker during his first year as a Wildcat in 1988 but concentrated on kicking the following season.

With the arrival of Bill Curry as coach in 1990, Pelfrey surprised many with a 4.5-second clocking in the 40-yard dash that spring and was given a shot at defensive back. He worked his way up from fourth-string cornerback to No. 2 while also inheriting the placekicking job from Ken Willis.

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It's safe to say that when Doug Pelfrey is summoned for field goals, point-after tries or kickoffs, Kentucky has a leg up.





DWIGHT KING

TERRY SAMUELS

Pelfrey's first college kick was a successful 50-yarder in Kentucky's 1990 opener against Central Michigan. Curry decided Pelfrey's leg was too valuable to expose to the daily grind of playing cornerback.

"I miss that side of it," Pelfrey says. "The only time I get a chance to make a hit on somebody is when the return man breaks through coverage on a kickoff.

"When I was in high school, I was on the field constantly. We'd score a touchdown, and I'd run over to the sideline to get my kicking shoe and then kick. Now there's a lot more time to just sit around and watch the game, and sometimes it's hard to stay in the flow. But I realize my role, and I guess I'm doing what's best for the team."

Pelfrey uses that word—team—a great deal when talking about the Wildcats in general and the kicking game in particular. He has his own working duo back this season: snapper Dude Harper and holder Travis Powers.

"It's all in the system and having confidence in each other," Pelfrey says. "I know the ball will be snapped and placed the same way every-time, and that makes my job easier."

As effective as Pelfrey is, one of Kentucky's objectives this season is to use him less often on field-goal attempts and more frequently on extra points.

Kentucky's offense averaged only two touchdowns per game last season. Failure to put the ball in the end zone compounded alarming defensive problems and left the Wildcats winless in the SEC (0–7) and 3–8 overall. It was their worst record since they went 0–10–1 in 1982, Jerry Claiborne's first year as coach.

The offense hit bottom during the finale against Tennessee. The Wildcats netted only 11 first downs and 145 yards in a 16–7 loss at Commonwealth Stadium.

Curry and his staff plan to structure more of the offense around sophomore quarterback Pookie Jones, whose gift for running is supplemented by a surprisingly accurate arm (58.7 percent passing last season). By mixing in more option plays and trying to get Jones to the corner on rollout opportunities, Kentucky may be able to showcase a unit that returns nine starters.

Junior Terry Samuels is one of the most underrated players in the conference. The 240-pound fullback led the Wildcats in rushing last season (307 yards, 4.0 average) and was also the team's No. 3 receiver (16 catches for 105 yards) as well as a quality blocker.

In addition to Samuels, there are a number of noteworthy names in the backfield. Damon Hood flashed upon the scene in '91 as an acclaimed freshman tailback prospect, but injuries kept him out of five games. Sophomores Clyde Rudolph, Carlos Collins and Donnie Redd, along with senior Craig Walker, are other quick backs seeking an opportunity.

Diminutive flanker Kurt Johnson (5–7, 145) is back for his senior season after 28 catches for 385 yards. He also doubles as the team's kickoff

and punt returner. He had 972 all-purpose yards last season, averaging 13.7 yards every time he touched the ball.

Juniors Tim Calvert, Mark Chatmon and Scott Gilley also are in the picture at wide receiver. The development of junior college star Alfonzo Browning (71 catches for 1,198 yards and 14 touchdowns at City College of San Francisco last season) will be closely watched.

Senior tight end Neil Page (6–4, 245), an excellent blocker, returns, hoping for more pass-catching opportunities. He had only nine receptions in '91.

Strong offensive lines have been built in recent years, and this should be no exception. Four starters return, headlined by senior guard Todd Perry (6–5, 280), who has started 26 of the last 32 games. He is a strong blocker on both the run and the pass. Senior Jody Matthews (6–0, 255) will start at the other guard. Another senior, Matt Branum (6–2, 261), is the incumbent at center.

Senior Chuck Bradley (6–5, 290) returns to his starting spot at left tackle. Right tackle will be manned by sophomore Mark Askin (6–5, 285).

The defense returns eight starters, but the interior strength of Joey Couch, Jerry Bell and Derrick Thomas will be sorely missed on a unit that gave up 439.2 yards per game in total offense.

Junior inside linebacker Marty Moore (6–1, 234) led the team in tackles with 183. He'll be stationed beside another returning starter, senior Reggie Smith (6–3, 223).

Junior Duce Williams (6–0, 200) is back at the bandit position, with senior Dean Wells (6–3, 234) again lined up at the strike spot. Wells tied for the team lead in sacks with four and also was credited with hurrying passers on 14 other occasions.

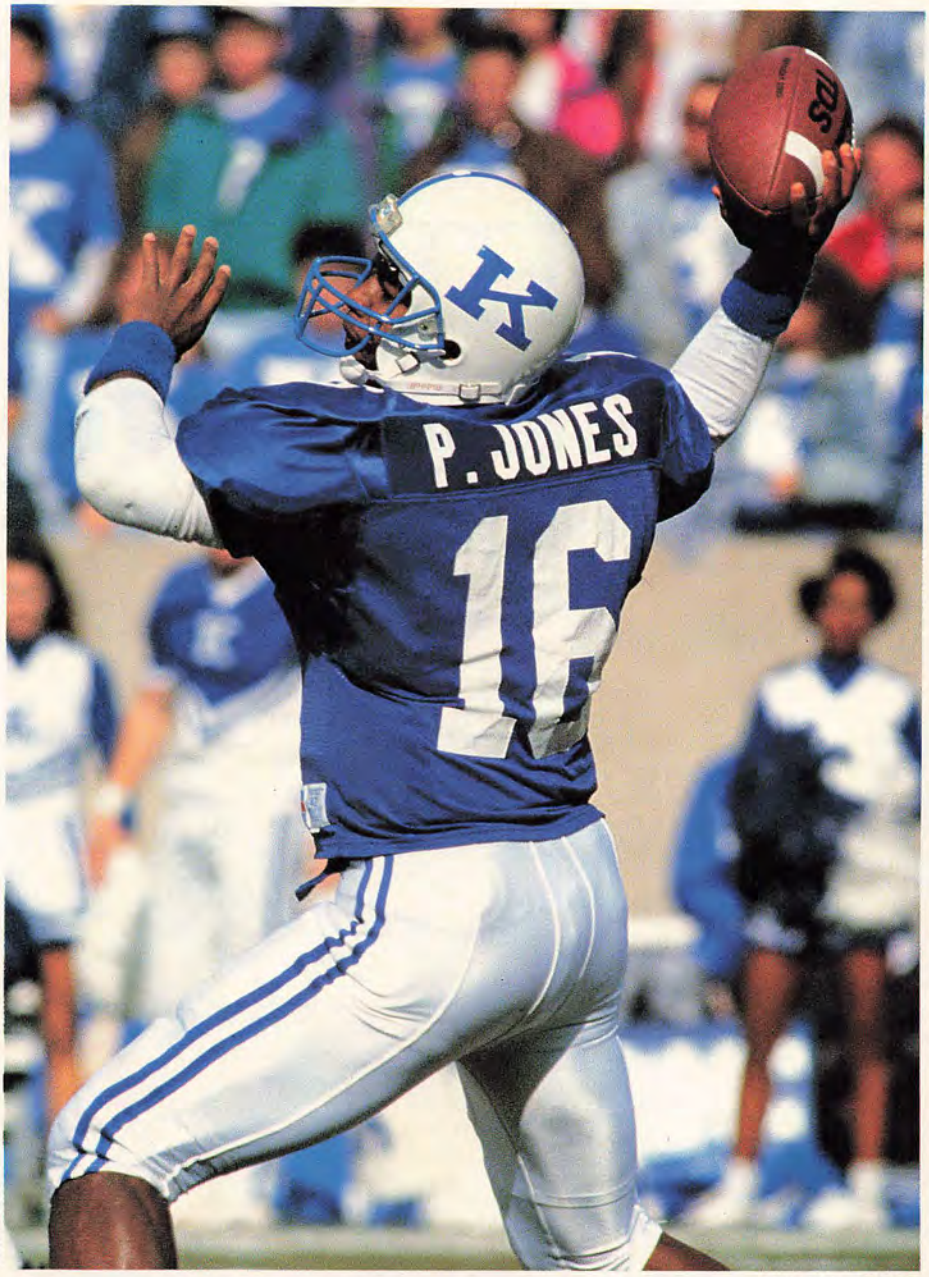
Featured performer in the secondary is senior free safety Brad Armstead, who had four interceptions and also ranked fourth on the team in tackles with 72. Armstead was exceptional against Mississippi with 10 tackles and two end-zone interceptions.

Senior Sterling Ward returns at rover, with juniors Adrian Sherwood and Don Robinson, and redshirt freshman Willie Cannon, the top names at cornerback. Sherwood and Robinson had two interceptions apiece for the Wildcats.

The interior line positions are up for grabs. Sophomore Damon Betz (6–4, 285) appears to have the inside track at nose guard. Sophomores John Merkle (6–3, 258) and Roger Sullivan (6–3, 232) are in the picture.

Sophomores Robert Stinson (6–4, 260) and Aaron Purdie (6–4, 250) are the top names at tackle, with junior Sean Smith (5–11, 220) and redshirt freshman Mike Schlegel (6–4, 220) battling to start at end.

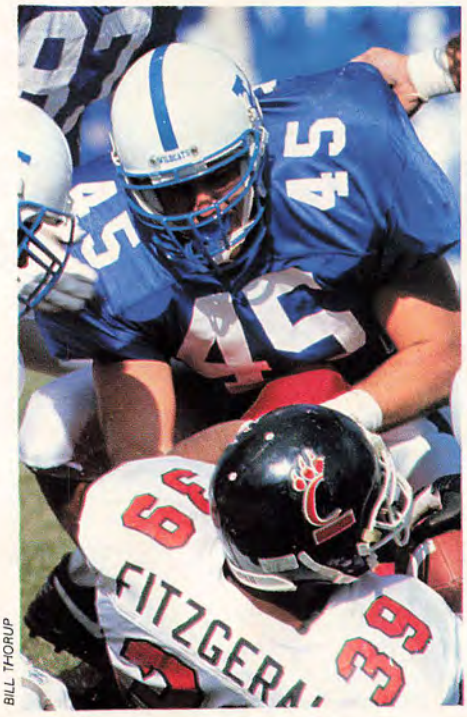
While Pelfrey is a potential repeater as All-SEC placekicker, Kentucky must break in a new punter with the graduation of Bill Hawk. Senior Jason Todd appears to have the inside track. ■



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BILL THORUP

FLORIDA SCHOOLS GET CREAM OF CROP

By BILL BUCHALTER
The Orlando Sentinel

Everybody knew the Florida schools should reap the harvest in the Southeast. All three played on New Year's Day, were ranked in the top seven at year's end and benefited by the abundance of home-grown talent.

So, to nobody's surprise, Florida came up with the outstanding recruiting class in the Southeastern Conference, Florida State led the way in the Atlantic Coast Conference and Miami topped the Big East. More importantly, those three schools were ranked nationally anywhere from No. 1 to No. 7 by recruiting analysts.

"I wouldn't trade my bunch for anybody else's," says Florida State coach Bobby Bowden. "But I have to tell you I think Miami and Florida had great years."

Steve Spurrier's class at Florida included five members of recruiting expert Tom Lemming's Top 101 national recruits. The biggest is offensive lineman Reggie Green of Bradenton, Fla., who leads a long list of future Gator linemen. He's 6-8, 297.

Green is the beacon around whom Florida intends to rebuild its offensive line. Other Top 101 Gators are running back Tony Davis (5-11, 195) of Chipley, Fla.; defensive lineman Cameron Davis (6-4, 230) of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; linebacker Dexter Daniels (6-2, 220) of Valdosta, Ga.; and quarterback Danny Wuerffel (6-2, 195) of Fort Walton Beach, who led his team to a 14-0 record and Florida's Class AAAA state championship.

Florida State signed four of Lemming's Top 101, all in the first 36, to complement three junior college All-Americans. The big four, all from in-state, are receiver Tamarick Vanover (6-1, 185), a home-grown Tallahassee athlete; quarterback Danny Kanell (6-5, 200) of Fort Lauderdale; linebacker Henri Crockett (6-3, 235) of Pompano Beach; and offensive lineman Marcus Long of Daytona Beach. The JC stars are defensive lineman Kelly Rush (6-6, 256) of Garden City, Kan., linebacker Alonzo Horner (6-3, 230) of Northwest Mississippi and fullback Zach Crockett (6-2, 222) of Hinds (Miss.) Community College.

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All three of Miami's Top 101 signees were out-of-staters: quarterback Chris Walsh (6-3, 180) of St. Paul, Minn., defensive back Carlos Jones (5-11, 170) of Marrero, La., and defensive lineman Ceaser O'Neal (6-7, 296) of Huntsville, Texas. They are complemented by the usual Hurricane dominance of South Florida, especially defensive backs, a priority need. Miami signed a trio of Fort Lauderdale defensive backs, all heavily recruited: Jack Hallmon (5-11, 180), Chris Gibson (6-0, 180) and Twan Russell (6-2, 190).

LSU, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi State, Vanderbilt, Arkansas, South Carolina, Alabama, Kentucky, Auburn and Ole Miss follow the Gators. The order shouldn't upset SEC fans because, from top to bottom, everybody got a share of the talent, especially junior college players with vaunted reputations.

In fact, the SEC as a league enjoyed perhaps the nation's strongest recruiting class with Auburn signing the consensus No. 1 high school player, running back Steve Davis (6-2, 218) of Spartanburg, S.C., and the No. 1 JC player, defensive lineman Damon Primus (6-4, 280) of Northwest Mississippi.

LSU signed tight end David LaFleur (6-6, 265) of Westlake, La., Georgia got running back Sterling Boyd (5-11, 180) of Sherman, Texas, and Alabama inked defensive lineman Kendrick Burton (6-6, 280) of Hartselle, Ala., all in Lemming's top 25.

LSU also signed perhaps the nation's top class of running backs, featuring Artie Moore (5-8, 180) of Wiggins, Miss.; Robert Davis (5-11, 180) of Birmingham (Ala.) Homewood; Robert Toomer (5-11, 210) of Sylvester, Ga.; and Jay Johnson (5-9, 185) of Waco, Texas.

Georgia got signatures from seven outstanding junior college players, including touted linebacker Charlie Clemons (6-2, 225) of Northeast Oklahoma and mercurial receivers Ha'son Graham (5-11, 180) of Hinds and Jerry Jerman (5-10, 190) of Northeast Oklahoma. The Bulldogs also signed nationally ranked home-growns in tight end Adam Meadows (6-6, 247) of Powder Springs and linebacker Randall Godfrey (6-3, 215) of Valdosta.

Vanderbilt signed its finest class in memory with 13 linemen weighing at least 245 pounds and fullback Royce Love (6-2, 238) of East Chicago, Ind., to run behind them. Tennessee

had a mixture of eight linemen weighing 260 pounds or more to complement a handful of JC standouts, the best of whom might be running back Charles Garner (5–10, 185) of Scottsdale (Ariz.) CC.

Arkansas and Alabama dominated their own states. The Razorbacks were led by quarterbacks Barry Lunney (6–2, 175) of Fort Smith and Mike Cherry (6–5, 205) of Texarkana, and the Crimson Tide by Burton plus super kicker Michael Proctor (5–11, 170) of Pelham. The Hogs also went across the state line to lure defensive lineman Eddie Mosley (6–6, 230) of Memphis, Tenn., and defensive back Tracy Cantlope (5–10, 170) of Dothan, Ala.

South Carolina attracted quarterback Steve Taneyhill (6–4, 205) of Altoona, Pa., and defensive back Ron Nealy (5–11, 175) of Concordville, Pa. The Gamecocks also signed lineman Larry Wright (6–4, 265) of Jacksonville, Fla.; linebackers Ronnie Smith (6–1, 230) of Athens, Ga., and Eric Sullivan (6–3, 230) of Laurens, S.C.; and wide receiver Monty Means (6–3, 182) of Union, S.C.

Mississippi State lured several JC stars, including three Florida-breds: linebacker Lateef Travis (6–3, 240) of Pearl River (Miss.) JC, and running back Kevin Bouie (6–2, 200) and defensive back Michael James (6–1, 205) of Garden City. The Bulldogs also landed quarterback Rodney Hudson (6–1, 175), who led LaGrange, Ga., to a 15–0 record and the AAAA state crown.

The top signee at Kentucky is in-state running back Daymon Carter (6–2, 200) of Henderson. The best recruit at Ole Miss is JC linebacker Cassius Ware (6–0, 240) of Northwest Mississippi.

Louisville signed seven Floridians. Among them are linebacker Johnny Frost (6–2, 225) of Miami. The Cardinals went to California to sign quarterback Todd Kehrli (6–4, 219) of Newport Beach.

Southern Miss signed quarterback Jeff Favre (6–0, 185) of Pass Christian, Miss., plus nationally ranked running back Lonzell Gowdy (6–0, 205) of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Southwestern Louisiana went into the JC ranks for eight signatures, and Tulane recruited JC quarterback Shawn Meadows (6–4, 210) of Fort Scott (Kan.) CC. The Green Wave signed players from 10 states. ■

Top 10 Recruiting Classes in Southeast

1. Miami
2. Florida State
3. Florida
4. LSU
5. Tennessee
6. Georgia
7. Mississippi State
8. Vanderbilt
9. Arkansas
10. South Carolina

TOP 100 IN SOUTHEAST

	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	College
1.	Steve Davis	rb	6–2	218	Spartanburg, S.C.	Auburn
2.	Chris Walsh	qb	6–3	180	St. Paul, Minn.	Miami (Fla.)
3.	Tamarick Vanover	wr	6–1	185	Tallahassee, Fla.	Florida State
4.	David LaFleur	te	6–6	265	Westlake, La.	LSU
5.	Sterling Boyd	rb	5–11	180	Sherman, Texas	Georgia
6.	Dan Kanell	qb	6–5	200	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Florida State
7.	Henri Crockett	lb	6–3	235	Pompano Beach, Fla.	Florida State
8.	Kendrick Burton	dl	6–6	280	Hartselle, Ala.	Alabama
9.	Reggie Green	ol	6–8	297	Bradenton, Fla.	Florida
10.	Robert Davis	rb	5–11	180	Homewood, Ala.	LSU
11.	Steve Taneyhill	qb	6–4	205	Altoona, Pa.	South Carolina
12.	Adam Meadows	te	6–6	247	Powder Springs, Ga.	Georgia
13.	Marcus Long	ol	6–4	285	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Florida State
14.	Daymon Carter	rb	6–2	200	Henderson, Ky.	Kentucky
15.	Eddie Kennison	wr	6–1	175	Lake Charles, La.	LSU
16.	Randall Godfrey	lb	6–3	215	Valdosta, Ga.	Georgia
17.	Ronnie Smith	lb	6–1	230	Athens, Ga.	South Carolina
18.	James Gillyard	lb	6–3	215	Shreveport, La.	LSU
19.	Jamie Howard	qb	6–2	195	Lafayette, La.	LSU
20.	Tony Davis	rb	5–11	195	Chipley, Fla.	Florida
21.	Todd Helton	qb	6–3	185	Knoxville, Tenn.	Tennessee
22.	Juan Daniels	wr	6–2	185	Norcross, Ga.	Georgia
23.	Dexter Daniels	lb	6–2	220	Valdosta, Ga.	Florida
24.	Ron Nealy	db	5–11	175	Concordville, Pa.	South Carolina
25.	Cameron Davis	dl	6–4	230	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Florida
26.	Monty Means	wr	6–3	182	Union, S.C.	South Carolina
27.	Leland Taylor	dl	6–4	265	Fairdale, Ky.	Tennessee
28.	Danny Wuerffel	qb	6–2	195	Fort Walton Beach, Fla.	Florida
29.	Rodney Hudson	qb	6–1	175	La Grange, Ga.	Mississippi State
30.	Toderick Malone	wr	5–11	165	Attalla, Ala.	Alabama
31.	Carlos Jones	db	5–11	170	Marrero, La.	Miami (Fla.)
32.	Ceaser O'Neal	dl	6–7	296	Huntsville, Texas	Miami (Fla.)
33.	Robert Toomer	rb	5–11	210	Sylvester, Ga.	LSU
34.	Connell Spain	dl	6–2	280	Melbourne, Fla.	Florida State
35.	Twan Russell	lb	6–2	200	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
36.	Jack Hallmon	db	5–11	180	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
37.	Chester Ford	dl	6–0	240	Danville, Ky.	Tennessee
38.	Artie Moore	rb	5–8	180	Wiggins, Miss.	LSU
39.	Barry Lunney	qb	6–2	182	Fort Smith, Ark.	Arkansas
40.	Danyell Ferguson	rb	6–0	190	Miami, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
41.	James Bates	lb	6–2	215	Sevierville, Tenn.	Florida
42.	Terry Davis	te	6–4	235	Columbus, Ga.	Florida State
43.	Robert Miller	dl	6–5	275	Hattisburg, Miss.	LSU
44.	Shawn Summers	db	5–10	180	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	Tennessee
45.	Walter Rouse	dl	6–4	270	Cordele, Ga.	Georgia
46.	James Manley	dl	6–4	280	Birmingham, Ala.	Vanderbilt
47.	Tony Law	dl	6–3	280	South Florence, S.C.	South Carolina
48.	Tracy Cantlope	db	5–10	175	Dothan, Ala.	Arkansas
49.	Rudy Stinson	dl	6–3	300	Powell, Tenn.	Tennessee
50.	Kenny Simon	qb	5–11	180	Biloxi, Miss.	Vanderbilt
51.	Lonzell Gowdy	rb	6–0	205	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Southern Miss.
52.	Dwayne Mobley	rb	5–11	210	Brooksville, Fla.	Florida
53.	Nilo Silvan	rb	5–10	170	Covington, La.	Tennessee
54.	Orpheus Roy	ol	6–4	280	Miami Springs, Fla.	Florida State
55.	Jeff Speedy	qb	6–2	185	Franklin, Tenn.	Kentucky
56.	Chris Gibson	db	6–0	180	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
57.	Ike Wilson	qb	5–11	175	Marrero, La.	Mississippi State
58.	Johnnie Church	lb	6–3	225	Fort Myers, Fla.	Florida
59.	Al Shipman	rb	5–10	175	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
60.	Jeremy Pennington	ol	6–3	265	Vernon, Ala.	Alabama
61.	Jermaine Chambers	wr	6–2	180	Homestead, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
62.	Joe Troupe	rb	5–10	185	Tampa, Fla.	South Carolina
63.	Larry Bowie	rb	6–1	195	Anniston, Ala.	Georgia
64.	Derrington Abnar	fb	6–1	225	Sarasota, Fla.	Georgia
65.	Brian Smith	qb	6–3	195	Spartanburg, S.C.	Georgia
66.	Paul Head	qb	6–2	195	Vestavia Hills, Ala.	Mississippi
67.	Gerard Daphnis	te	6–3	220	Miami, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
68.	Cliff Deese	qb	5–8	180	Houston, Texas	Vanderbilt
69.	Sean Hamlet	db	6–2	185	Hampton, Va.	Florida State
70.	Jason Parker	db	6–0	185	North Garland, Texas	Tennessee
71.	Kris Mangum	te	6–5	245	Magee, Miss.	Alabama
72.	Johnathon Butler	lb	6–0	225	Little Rock, Ark.	Arkansas
73.	Travis Sherman	lb	6–2	225	Valrico, Fla.	Florida State
74.	Todd Rebol	lb	6–1	210	Punta Gorda, Fla.	Florida State
75.	Kenneth Holmes	dl	6–4	218	Vero Beach, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
76.	Jeff Mitchell	dl	6–4	245	Clearwater, Fla.	Florida
77.	JBertand Ina	dl	6–4	275	Franklin, La.	Miami (Fla.)
78.	Richard Howard	ol	6–7	310	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	Tennessee
79.	Mike Cherry	qb	6–5	205	Texarkana, Ark.	Arkansas
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86.	Eddie Mosley	dl	6–6	230	Memphis, Tenn.	Arkansas
87.	Eric Sullivan	lb	6–3	230	Laurens, S.C.	South Carolina
88.	Brian Adcock	ol	6–4	245	Tampa, Fla.	Auburn
89.	Jay Johnson	rb	5–9	185	Waco, Texas	LSU
90.	Dwayne Curry	lb	6–3	225	Pascagoula, Miss.	Mississippi State
91.	John Sartelle	te	6–4	230	Memphis, Tenn.	Tennessee
92.	Robert Couch	ol	6–6	265	Irving, Tex.	Vanderbilt
93.	Royce Love	rb	6–2	238	East Chicago, Ind.	Vanderbilt
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97.	Todd Fordham	ol	6–6	245	Tifton, Ga.	Florida State
98.	Wayne Messam	wr	6–4	192	Belle Glade, Fla.	Florida State
99.	Steve Hochman	ol	6–4	260	Agoura Hills, Calif.	Miami (Fla.)
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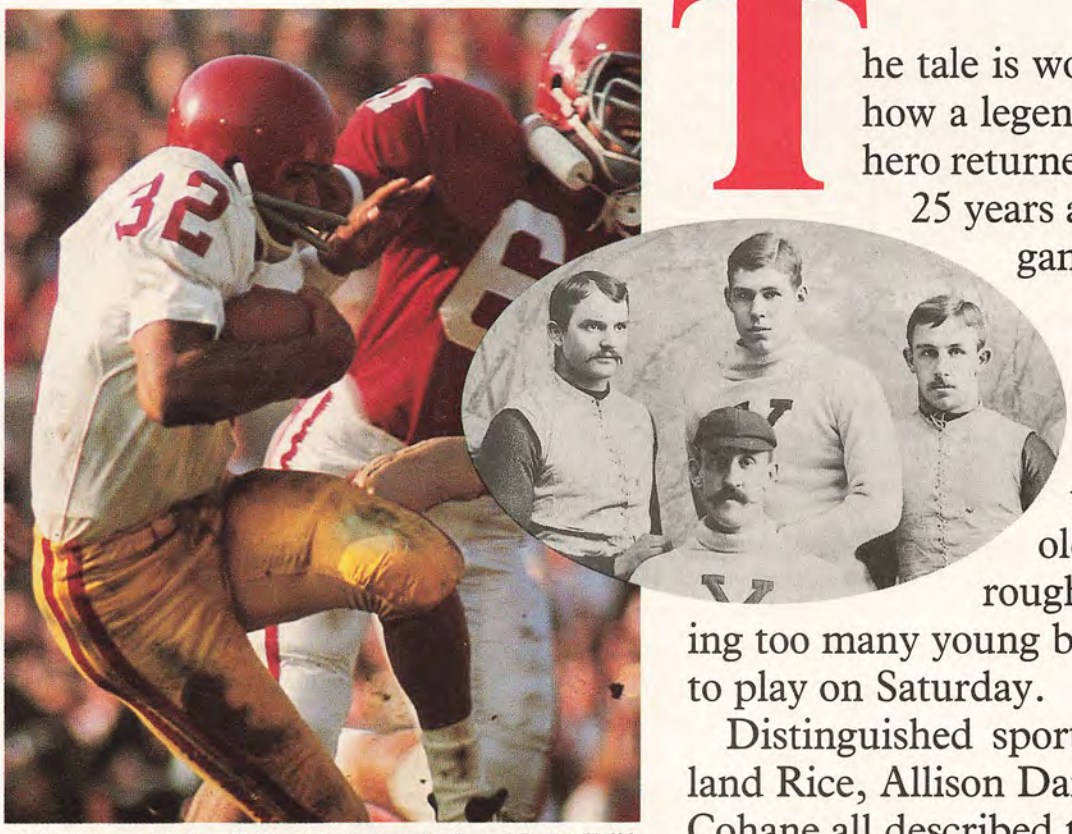


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BY GEORGE LEONARD



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

O.J. Simpson, Southern California's classic tailback, and Pudge Heffelfinger, Yale's consummate guard (top, center), awed fans eight decades apart. A picture of Heffelfinger in action is on pages 14–15.

The tale is worth retelling: how a legendary football hero returned to the campus 25 years after his last game, insisted on scrimmaging against the varsity—and had to be asked to desist. The old boy was too rough; he was injuring too many young bucks who had to play on Saturday.

Distinguished sportswriters Grantland Rice, Allison Danzig and Tim Cohane all described the incident at Yale in 1916 when Pudge Heffelfinger,



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FOOTBALL IMMORTALS

the immortal—the incredible!—guard of 100 years ago, made it physically evident that he, at least, was ready to line up against Harvard.

"I had to show the men I was still tough, or they wouldn't have paid any attention to me," Heffelfinger told Cohane.

Tad Jones was Yale's coach at the time. He was the coach who, on the day of one game against Harvard, informed his squad: "Gentlemen, you are about to play Harvard in football. Never again in your whole life will you do anything so important."

Against his better judgment, Jones let Heffelfinger, then 48, work out against his starting team, cautioning his men to go easy on the onetime campus hero. Heffelfinger bowled over several players on the opening snap. On the next play, a starting tackle suffered two broken ribs in a collision with Heffelfinger.

"A few more plays and four more men were stretched out cold," Jones related later. "I finally had to call Heffelfinger off the field and request him to confine his efforts to vocal instead of physical instruction."

A few years back, in an abridged history of college football, the writer told of William W. Heffelfinger (1867-1954), ending on an advisory note: "If you ever feel foolhardy enough to pick an all-star team across the years, don't forget him."

That profitless moment has arrived and Heffelfinger has not been overlooked. He is the first to be chosen on the All-Time All-America eleven of 1992, the latest of many over the years.

It indeed may seem foolhardy, not to say presumptuous, unfair, impossible, even ridiculous, to identify 11 among over 3 million who have participated in college football, including approximately 2,000 All-Americans, put them on a pedestal and proclaim their superiority.

And yet, is it? Historians of repute from the game's caveman days have chronicled the prowess of the great players through the decades. Billions of fans have watched them perform.

Excellence in athletics has been rewarded, deservedly, from time immemorial, or at least since the first Olympic Games in 776 B.C.

Is there one most logical way to decide who belongs on an All-America team for the ages?

It is a question all but impossible to answer. Different people use different criteria.

Sportswriter Rice on Nagurski: "great tackle . . . brilliant end . . . devastating fullback."



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

E	**Don Hutson** **Alabama**	**6–1 192** **1932-34**	

He was the perfect wide receiver: extremely fast with several speeds to trick defenders, master of the feint, marvelous pass catcher.

T	**Steve Emtman** **Washington**	**6–4 290** **1989-91**	

Any doubts as to his strength, agility and hostility vanished in his junior year. "Steve's not very nice out there," said a coach.

G	**Pudge Heffelfinger** **Yale**	**6–3 205** **1888-91**	

This star of a century ago would have stood out in any age. He had a devastating charge and was one of the first pulling guards.

C	**Chuck Bednarik** **Pennsylvania**	**6–3 220** **1945-48**	

He epitomized the center-linebacker type: dependable blocker and a relentless, fierce tackler who lived to hit—and be hit.

G	**Bob Suffridge** **Tennessee**	**6–0 190** **1938-40**	

His amazingly quick and powerful charge enabled him to block many punts. Very effective on single-wing sweeps.

T	**Bronko Nagurski** **Minnesota**	**6–0 203** **1927-29**	

The only question is whether to put him at tackle or fullback. Many called the powerful, durable player the greatest in history.

E	**Leon Hart** **Notre Dame**	**6–4 245** **1946-49**	

He was the dominating figure as coach Frank Leahy's Irish went 36–0–2 in 1946-49 with three national titles and a No. 2.

QB	**Sammy Baugh** **Texas Christian**	**6–2 180** **1934-36**	

His phenomenal passing made him a legend. In the 1936 Sugar Bowl game, Baugh punted 14 times in the rain for a 44.6-yard average.

HB	**O.J. Simpson** **Southern California**	**6–2 205** **1967-68**	

Was there another back with O.J.'s speed and open-field moves, and his long touchdown gallops? Only Grange comes to mind.

HB	**Red Grange** **Illinois**	**6–0 176** **1923-25**	

He was a great breakaway runner—four TDs in the first 12 minutes vs. Michigan in 1924—and a fine receiver and tackler.

FB	**Jim Thorpe** **Carlisle**	**6–1 183** **1907-08, 11-12**	

The Indian was fast and elusive, also a good punter, dropkicker and placekicker. He could pass, block and play defense.



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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Grange: In his 17-year prep, college and pro career, he gained 33,820 yards. Thorpe: Of him it was written, "Most of all, he loved the game passionately."

To many, the strongest possible array must be composed of the best as judged by their ability to excel in the modern period. Bob Kirlin, editor of *College Football Researchers Association,* says: "From time to time I have selected, or tried to select, my own All-Time team. But I keep taking into consideration the very real fact that players keep getting bigger, faster and stronger, so my team is loaded with totally modern players."

Kirlin brings up an intriguing point: Do two-platoon players of today and those of the past who went both ways belong on the same All-Time team? The answer here, at least, is yes, on the theory, which some may challenge, that a great player on one side of the ball should reasonably be expected to excel on the other side given the opportunity. O.J. Simpson led Southern California to the 1967 national championship as a running back, but his speed and athletic prowess would have made him a magnificent defensive back as well. And what havoc defensive tackle Steve Emtman of Washington's 1991 national champion would have wreaked as an offensive lineman!

Intermingling outstanding men who played under one set of rules with those who performed under another poses no real problem. One imagines that Heffelfinger, in a period when forward passing wasn't allowed, would have been just as effective blocking for the passer as he was clearing the way for a running back—or pushing or pulling the runner, which was permitted then.

To other football enthusiasts, including this one, dominance in the players' own time should strongly influence the choice of All-Time All-Americans. Such storied players as quarterback Sammy Baugh of TCU, 1936 (senior year); halfbacks Red Grange of Illinois, 1925, and Jim Thorpe of Carlisle, 1912; end Don Hutson of Alabama, 1934; and tackle Bronko Nagurski of Minnesota, 1929, all were preeminent in their day.

To yet more, the idea of narrowing a list of immortals to only 11 is implausible, if not impossible. A squad of greats—258 strong—is presented at the end of this story.

When this effort to distinguish the best was initiated, the writer debated, although briefly, whether to name teams for logically defined periods marked by major rule changes: 1869-1911, 1912 (restrictions discouraging passing were removed)-1939, 1940 (the ancient T-formation was revived)-1969, and 1970 (body-building, body-quickening weight lifting became the regimen at every college)-1992. Or would all-decade teams be more acceptable?



Some authorities dismiss as all-time eligibles those who played before the advent of the forward pass. Hardly sound reasoning, though.

Other matters that have given pause to selectors were considered, such as whether one should be influenced by pro performances. The inclination is to attach importance to pro careers in making All-Time All-America picks. If a relatively unsung collegiate player becomes famous as a pro, that could be an indication, if not proof, that he had been underrated during his years as an undergraduate. On the other hand, it might also point to maturity of latent talent.

Another bone of contention is whether a century-plus team should be a two-platoon lineup or 11 men who were adept on both offense and defense, or demonstrated that they could have been.

The first All-Time

FOOTBALL IMMORTALS

All-America team was chosen by Walter Camp (1859-1925). It appeared in 1904 in *The Independent Magazine.* Camp, who played six years for Yale and also coached there (67–2), picked the All-America eleven for *Harper's Weekly* in 1897 when Caspar Whitney, the sportswriter who probably originated the All-America idea, was abroad.

If, as seems true, the All-America team was Whitney's brainchild, Camp quite likely was his advisor. At any rate, the earliest teams, named by Whitney in 1889 and 1890, were published in *The Week's Sport* and from 1891 through 1896 in *Harper's Weekly.*

Whitney resumed his All-America selections on his return to the country. *Collier's Weekly* began publishing Camp's teams in 1898 and continued to do so until his death.



UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Like most members of the All-Time eleven, Chuck Bednarik was elected to both the collegiate and professional Halls of Fame.

Camp, the most prominent figure in the development of 19th century football, brought the game out of its Neanderthal phase. Among his late-19th century inventions were the scrimmage, the quarterback, 11 players to a team and a system of downs (five yards in three downs; in 1912, 10 yards in four downs).

Rice took over the All-America selections for *Collier's* after Camp died in 1925 and served in that capacity through 1947. He felt that one man could not possibly pick the best eleven in the United States. Rice was advised at first by coaches and later by writers representing regions.

The Camp-Rice teams generally were considered the most prestigious, those the players most wanted to make. In the present day, two-platoon squads of 24 players chosen by The Associated Press, Walter Camp Foundation, American Football Writers Association and American Football Coaches Association (Kodak) are the most esteemed. The AP team is the oldest—since 1925.

Camp himself would have been an All-American in the 1870s if someone had originated the All-America eleven before Whitney. There were other names from a century

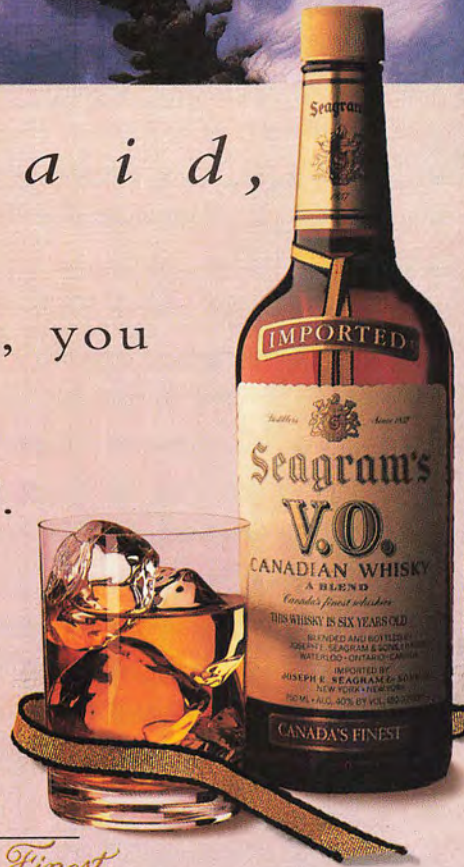
George Connor (81), Notre Dame's premier tackle, had the good luck to play for a man who had one of the keenest football brains ever: Frank Leahy.





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Known as the Monster, Leon Hart had speed and power: Against Southern California in 1948, he caught a pass on the Trojans' 40 and was hit immediately, staggered, then started, took shots from almost every USC player, drove through a cluster of four—and scored.

or more ago that, if you are a genuine football enthusiast, you would recognize quickly and acknowledge that they would have been outstanding in any era. In modern times they would have had the advantage of better nutrition, weight training, coaching techniques and equipment.

Camp was a participant in every Rules Committee meeting from 1878 until his death. He was attending the annual meeting in New York when he died in his sleep on March 14, 1925.

Speaking of Sammy Baugh, his coach at TCU, Dutch Meyer, once told Tom Davison of The Houston Post*: "He could drop the ball on a dime from 30 yards with no more than wrist action. I never saw a charging lineman make him pass wild."*

"How often," Rice wrote in tribute, "must have come to Walter Camp the memory of old football battles in rain and snow, in sun and shadow, the flying tackle and the savage line thrust, the forward wall braced for the shock, the graceful spiral careening against a sky of blue and gray, the long run down the field, the goal-line stand, the forward pass, the singing and cheering of great crowds, young and old America gathered together on a golden afternoon with bands playing and banners flying.

"It may have been in the midst of such a dream that the call to quarters came, and taps was sounded as the Great Knight came down the field."

Camp's 1904 All-Time team was comprised entirely of players from Yale, Harvard and Princeton, the Big Three of early American football, and Army. His choices were: ends Frank Hinkey, Yale, 1894, and David Campbell, Harvard, 1901; tackles Hector Cowan, Princeton, 1889, and Marshall Newell, Harvard, 1893; guards Heffelfinger, Yale, 1891, and Ned Glass, Yale, 1902; center Bill Lewis, Harvard, 1893; quarterback Charles Daly, Harvard, 1900, and Army, 1902; halfbacks Addison Kelly, Princeton, 1897, and Thomas McClung, Yale, 1891; fullback Frank Butterworth, Yale, 1894.

The average weight of the players on Whitney's first All-America eleven in 1889 was 167 pounds. Camp's 1904 All-Time team averaged 175. The author's 1992 selection, in conformity to the original, also an eleven, averaged 208. A 200-pound player was rare in the last century, but Yale had an anachronism in 1884-85, a 290-pound guard named Alex Coxe.

In 1910, Camp's revised All-Time All-America eleven was published by *Century Magazine*. He had made nine changes, retaining only Hinkey and Heffelfinger. The luminaries on that team were: ends Hinkey and Tom Shevlin, Yale, 1905; tackles Hamilton Fish, Harvard, 1909, and John DeWitt, Princeton, 1903; guards Truxton Hare, Pennsylvania, 1900, and Heffelfinger; center Adolph Schulz, Michigan, 1907; quarterback Walter Eckersall, Chicago, 1906; halfbacks Willie Heston, Michigan, 1904, and Harold Weekes, Columbia, 1901; fullback Ted Coy, Yale, 1909.

Rice picked an All-Time All-America team for his autobiography, *The Tumult and the Shouting*, A.S. Barnes & Company, 1954. His backfield consisted of Baugh, Grange, Thorpe and Nagurski. On the line were Hutson and Bennie Oosterbaan, Michigan, 1927, at end; Wilbur "Fats" Henry, Washington and Jefferson, 1919, and Joe Stydahar, West Virginia, 1935, at tackle; Heffelfinger and Herman Hickman, Tennessee, 1931, at guard; and Schulz at center.

Among many whose All-Time teams have appeared in print were famous coaches of the first half-century. They included Knute Rockne, Glenn S. "Pop" Warner, Fielding H. Yost, Bill Roper, Clark Shaughnessy, Chick Meehan,

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There seems no reason to doubt that Steve Emtman of Washington, so forceful on defense, would have been equally effective on offense.

Bob Zuppke and John Heisman.

George Trevor of the old *New York Sun*, who could write with the best, produced a lineup in 1927 that commands respect because of his knowledge of football. He named these: ends Hinkey and Huntington ''Tack'' Hardwick, Harvard, 1914; tackles Henry and Belford West, Colgate, 1919; guards Heffelfinger and Hare; center Schulz; quarterback Eckersall; halfbacks Thorpe and Heston; fullback Eddie Mahan, Harvard, 1915.

Parke H. Davis, the foremost historian of football's first 50 years who was a Princeton letterman in 1893 and head coach at Lafayette from 1895 through 1897, chose a team in 1931 that merits the attention of fans with a flair for the nostalgic.

This is Davis' eleven: ends Hinkey and Wes Fesler, Ohio State, 1930; tackles Newell and Cowan; guards Heffelfinger and Charles ''Babe'' Rinehart, Lafayette, 1897; center Herb Stein, Pittsburgh, 1921; quarterback Frank Carideo, Notre Dame, 1930; halfbacks Thorpe and Grange; fullback Ernie Nevers, Stanford, 1925.

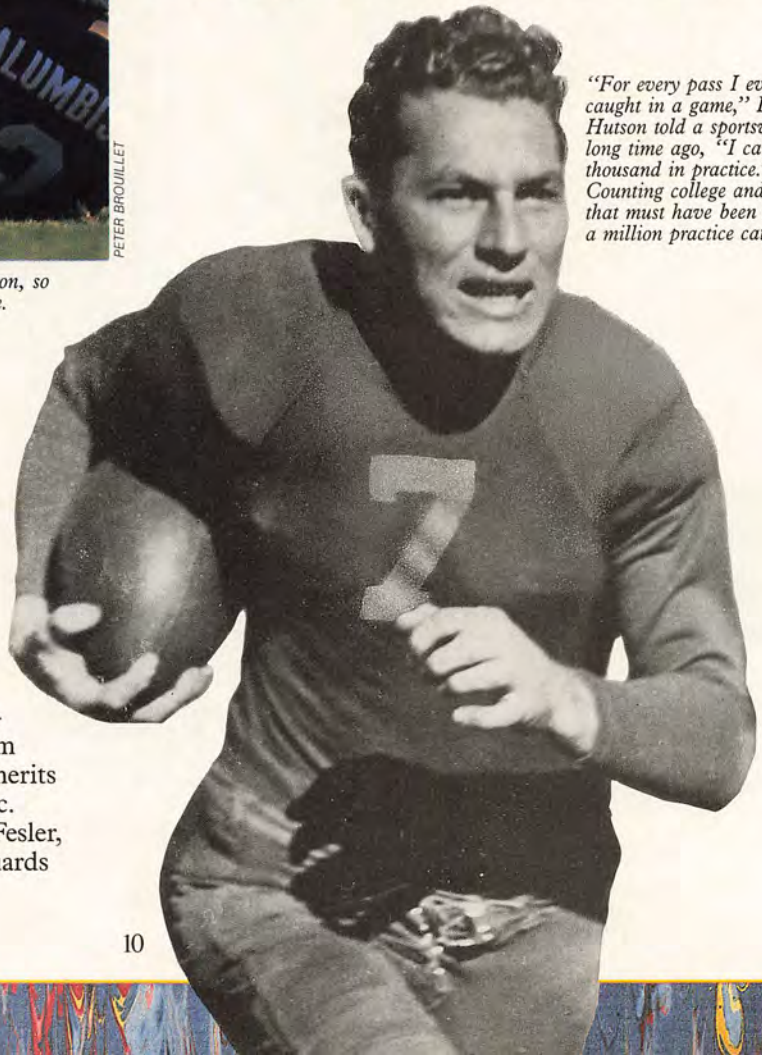
Speaking of Nevers, Warner, his coach, who also coached Thorpe, once said, ''Ernie could do everything Thorpe could do and he tried harder.''

Speaking of Thorpe, King Gustav V of Sweden said as he was presenting him with a gold medal in the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm, ''You, sir, are the greatest athlete in the world.''

''Thanks, King,'' Thorpe responded.

A remarkably exhaustive collection of All-America teams, year by year, may be found in *All-America: the Complete Roster of Football's Heroes, Volume One 1889-1945* by Bernie McCarty. This writer was able to furnish McCarty with the All-America teams of Lacy Lockert, a noted historian who was as keen a student of the game as football has known.

Lockert's All-Time team, painstakingly evaluated, was published in the *Nashville Banner* in 1951. It included ends Hutson and Harold ''Brick'' Muller, California, 1922; tackles Henry and Cal Hubbard, Geneva, 1926; guards Heffelfinger and Hare; center Schulz; quarterback Baugh; halfbacks Grange and Thorpe; and fullback John Kimbrough, Texas A&M, 1940. The absence from Lockert's eleven of such performers of the then-recent



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''For every pass I ever caught in a game,'' Don Hutson told a sportswriter a long time ago, ''I caught a thousand in practice.'' Counting college and pro, that must have been half a million practice catches.

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In 12 collegiate and pro years, Earl Campbell of Texas ran for 13,850 yards and scored 115 TDs.

past as Notre Dame end Leon Hart, 1949; Tennessee guard Bob Suffridge, 1940; and Pennsylvania center Chuck Bednarik, 1948, demonstrates the independent thinking of each selector.

Of the first-half-century coaches whose All-Time teams were published, only Rockne and Zuppke ignored Heffelfinger. However, Rockne did not consider players of the pre-forward pass era for the eleven he named in 1926. Zuppke excused himself when he selected his team in 1950 by saying, ''I don't want to go as far back as the nebular theory,'' and dismissing his foray into sports-writing with this comment: ''Why do we select All-America teams? Only for the purpose of confusing the history of the game.''

The custom today is to treat football's bygone age as interesting historically but forgettable in the context of determining great teams and players. We extol those of today, who enjoy benefits unheard of not so long ago. But those men of old with undoubted talent, emotion, commitment and courage, who towered above all others in their times, should fare better at the hands of modern-day authorities.

FOOTBALL IMMORTALS

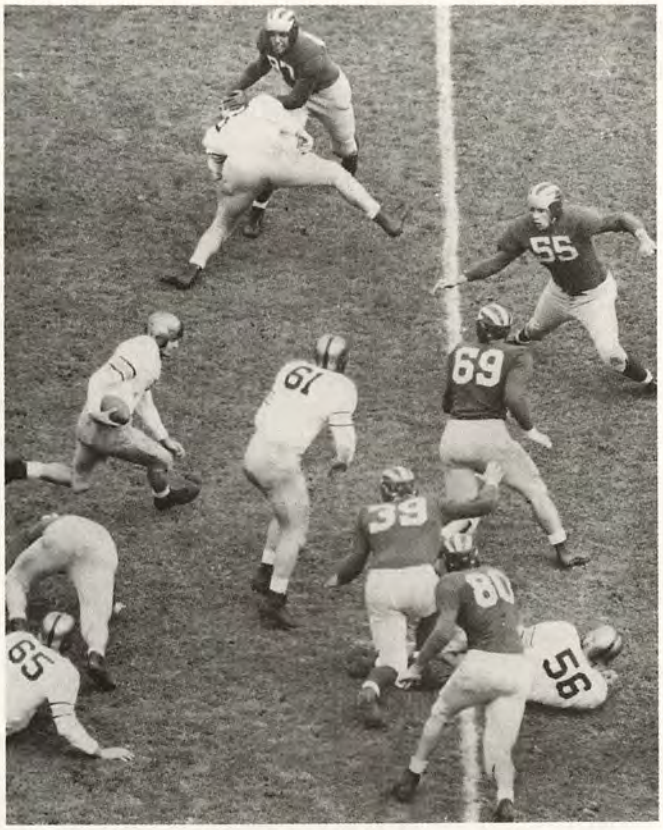
Heffelfinger played guard at Yale from 1888 through 1891. He was a three-time All-American. Yale outscored rivals 2,333 to 49 in Heffelfinger's years. The Elis were beaten twice in his 57 games.

Defeat to zealous players was as agonizing then as now. After Yale lost to Princeton 10–0 in 1889, Heffelfinger locked himself in his room, even refusing to admit friends who knocked at his door. "Later," mumbled the giant, "come back later." The Minneapolis native stood 6–3 and weighed 196 pounds that season. With the benefit of late-20th century training methods, he may have grown to 6–8, 300.

This historian happens to be convinced that Heffelfinger was the nonpareil of all the guards who ever put on a uniform—actually, of all the linemen, of all the players.

Heffelfinger's counterpart in the modern era is Emtman, who, at 6–4, 290, is the ideal size for a lineman of today. "He is relentless in practice, in a game, even while he's lifting weights," says Washington coach Don James.

The best tackle among the ancients was Cowan of Princeton (1885-89), who could have been the only five-year All-American in history if there had been such mention in his first four seasons. He gave about as good as



Glenn Davis of Army (right) still holds the record for best career rushing average (minimum 300-413 rushes): 8.26 yards. (Below) Heffelfinger (arrow) reaches to pull a Yale back through the line (legal then)—photo from 1890.



he got in clashes with Heffelfinger. In the 1889 Yale-Princeton game at Berkeley Oval in New York City, the game that sent Heffelfinger home so dejected, Cowan scored the last of his 79 touchdowns. In those days, linemen often carried the ball out of the backfield.

Late in the contest, Yale had possession on its 5-yard line when Tommy Thomas, a 6-6 Princeton guard with long limbs, was substituted. Back then, the quarterback usually would pinch or press the center when he was ready for the snap. Yale quarterback Billy Wurtenberg turned to make sure his backs were positioned properly. At that moment, Thomas slid his arm around the center's hip (there was no neutral zone between the lines until 1906) and applied fingertip pressure. The ball was promptly centered, fumbled—and recovered by Cowan. He rose to his feet struggling, and in the ensuing melee dragged several Yale men over the goal line.

Cowan was grim in appearance and action in the fierce combat that marked the dangerous game of his time. Mass play was in vogue—mass and momentum—and although attempts were made, not much changed until forward pass rules (passing was legalized in 1906) were relaxed significantly in 1912. In 1909, 33 men died of football injuries.

In the 1888 game against Yale, Cowan, lining up in the backfield, bolted through a hole that opened when an end moved in and boxed (blocked) the tackle, while a halfback and fullback carried the opposing end to the outside. Cowan ran 65 yards to the Yale 10, but the referee called the play back because he had never seen a defensive line opened like that and surmised that something must be amiss. The play was legal, though, and Cowan, a Divinity School student, uttered the strongest cussword he ever used: "Oh, sugar!"

And then, there was Arthur Poe, one of six brothers who were grandnephews of the famous writer, Edgar Allan Poe, and played at Princeton in the 1880s and Gay Nineties. Arthur Poe wrested the ball from a Yale back in the 1898 game and ran 95 yards for a touchdown to win for Princeton 6-0. In 1899 he drop-kicked a 35-yard field goal (counting five points then), the first he ever tried, giving Princeton an 11-10 victory over Yale in the last half-minute. Edgar Allan Poe, by the way, was a good athlete himself. One writer tells of Poe's long jump of 21 feet, 6 inches as a youth in the early 1800s. If true, it may have been a world record at the time.





Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice highballed with the top tailbacks of all time.

As spectators were leaving the stadium in New Haven after that '99 game, a Yale fan asked a companion, "Isn't that Arthur Poe related to the great Poe?" Hearing him, a Princeton man interrupted, saying, "He *is* the great Poe."

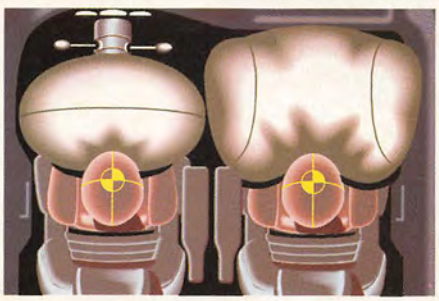
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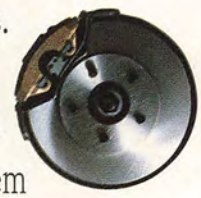
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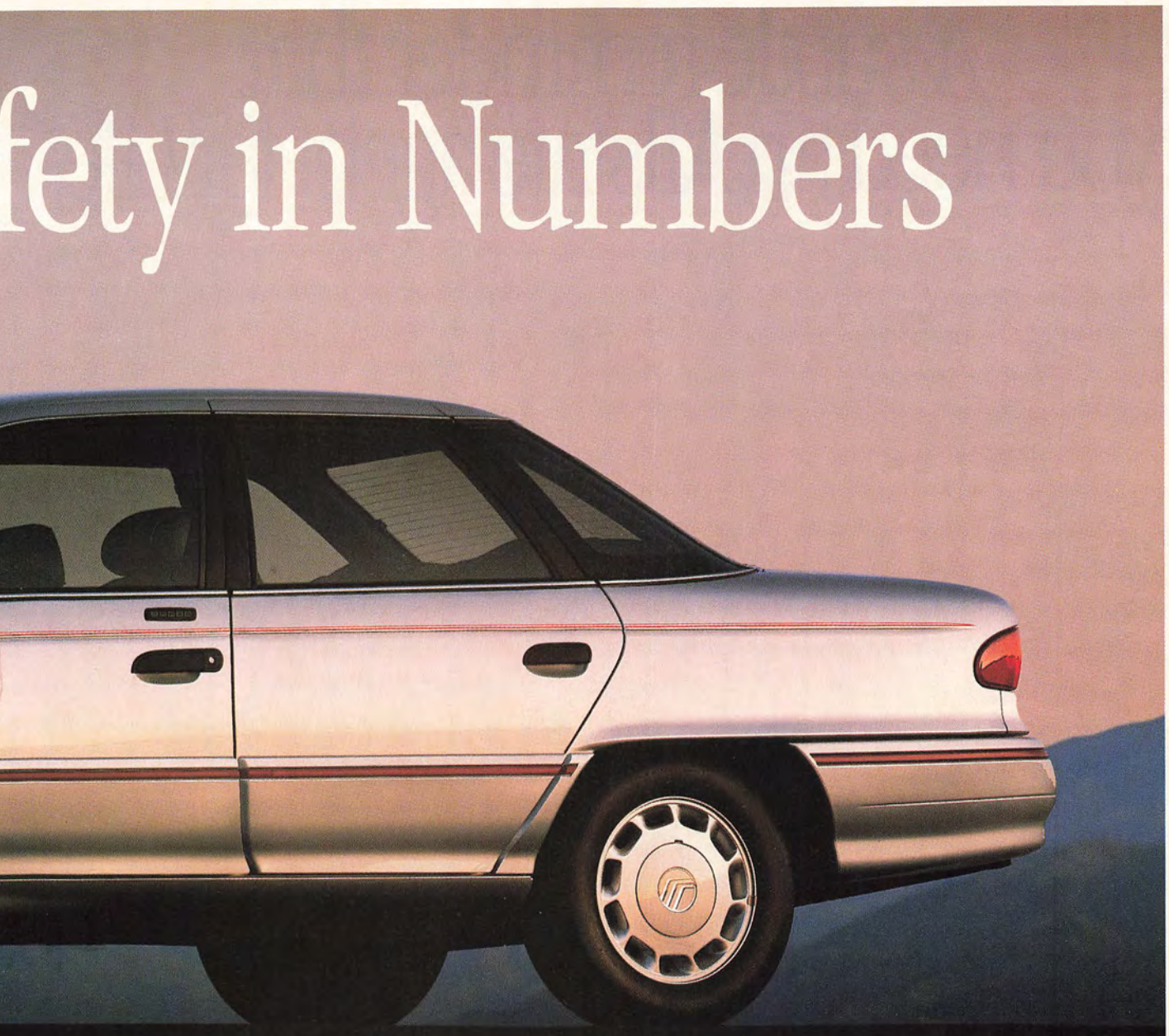
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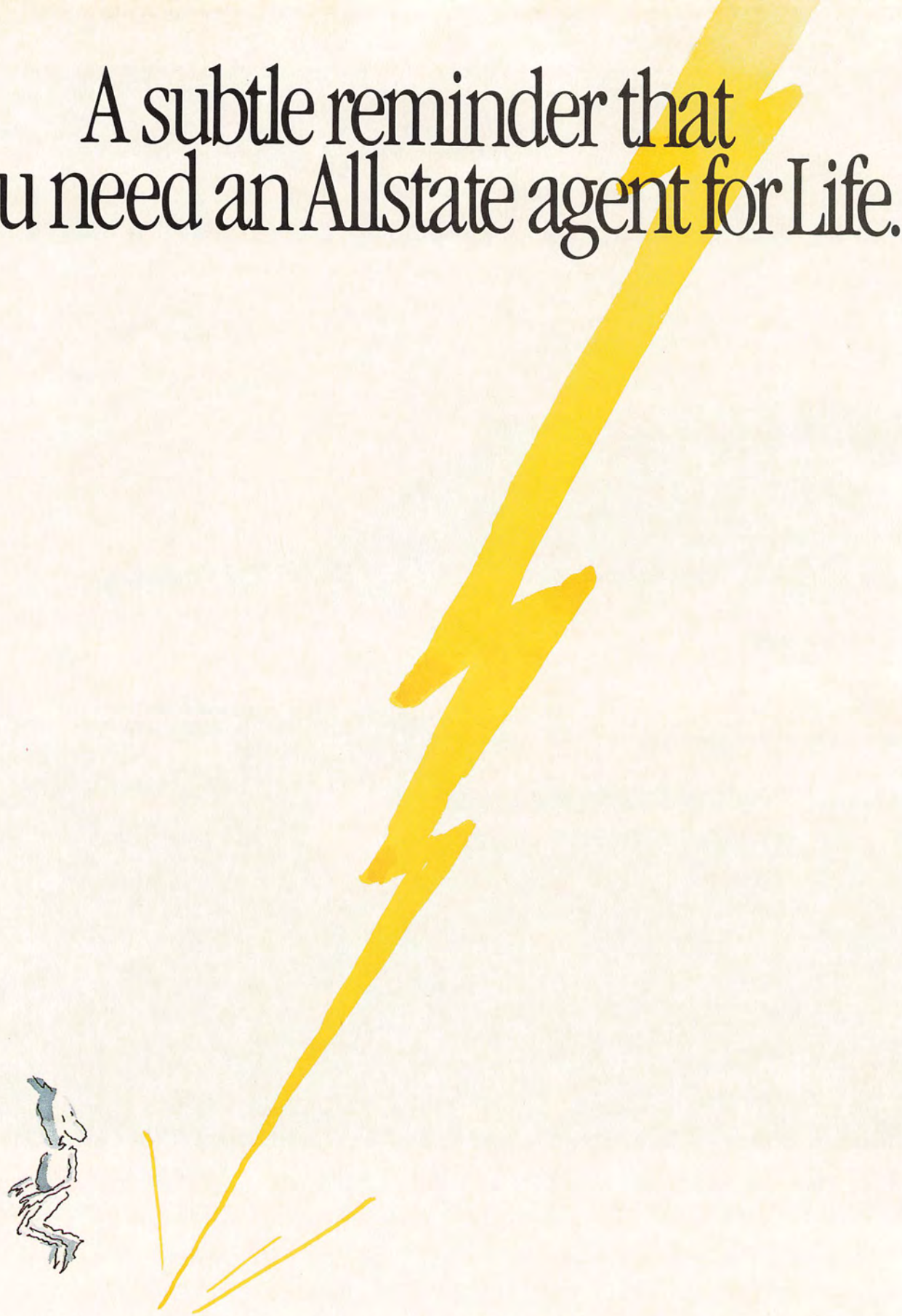
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ATHLON SPORTS ARCHIVES

Some claim the high point in Herschel Walker's (above) spectacular career at Georgia was his performance as a freshman. (Below) Walter Camp (arms folded) of Yale, who nurtured the early game, was the back of the 1870s.



men, requiring courage and tenacity. Perhaps a share of the laurels should crown the 5-9, 157-pound Hinkey; Poe, who was only 5-7, 146; Bert Metzger, a 5-8½, 155-pound All-America guard at Notre Dame in 1930; Newell of Harvard, who at 5-7, 168, was the smallest All-America tackle ever; and other diminutive players of distinction.

Newell was one of five players in history to make consensus All-America four straight years. The rest were Hinkey, Hare, Daly and guard Gordon Brown of Yale (1897-1900).

Hinkey reveled in the barbarity of football during its growing-pains stage. He had a peculiar way of tackling with a twisting motion and a violent fling backward. Camp once told Rice that Hinkey, pound for pound, was the most explosive player he ever saw.

Defensive tackle Kenny Walker of Nebraska, who is deaf, was an All-American as a senior in 1990. Tom Dempsey, who came to the National Football League

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Billy Cannon (20) was the grandest Tiger of them all on LSU's 1958 national champion and won the Heisman in 1959.

Jim Brown, later a pro great and an actor, wound up his Syracuse career with 21 points in the Cotton Bowl.



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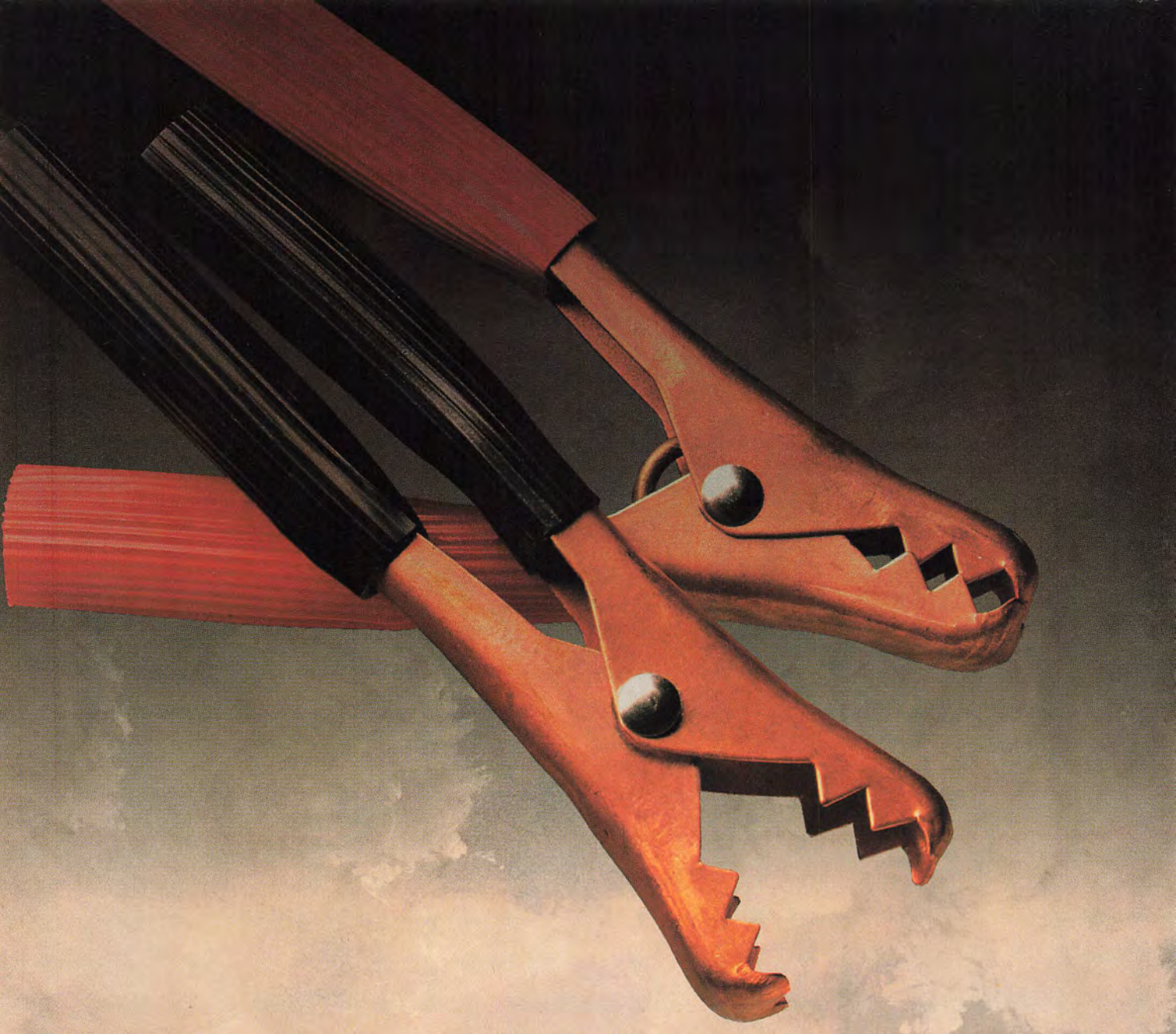
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from Palomar Junior College in San Marcos, Calif., was a placekicker born without toes on his right (kicking) foot and without a right hand. Dempsey's 63-yard field goal in 1970 as a member of the New Orleans Saints is a professional record that still stands. Jeff Resler, whose left hand was amputated at the wrist when he was an infant, is a starting guard at Oklahoma this season.

They, too, among others, rate citations.

Meanwhile, the All-Time All-America, 1869-1992, will do until another comes along.

The All-Time All-America Squad

QUARTERBACKS

Frankie Albert, Stanford, 1941 (senior year); Sammy Baugh, TCU, 1936; Terry Bradshaw, Louisiana Tech, 1969; Frank Carideo, Notre Dame, 1930; Dutch Clark, Colorado College, 1929; Charles Daly, Army, 1902; Ty Detmer, BYU, 1991; Walter Eckersall, Chicago, 1906; John Elway, Stanford, 1982; Doug Flutie, Boston College, 1984; Clint Frank, Yale, 1937; Benny Friedman, Michigan, 1926; Otto Graham, Northwestern, 1943; Bob Griese, Purdue, 1966; David Klingler, Houston, 1991; Bobby Layne, Texas, 1947; Johnny Lujack, Notre Dame, 1947; Archie Manning, Mississippi, 1970; Dan Marino, Pittsburgh, 1982; Jim McMahon, BYU, 1981; Bo McMillin, Centre, 1921; Roger Staubach, Navy, 1964; Fran Tarkenton, Georgia, 1960; Johnny Unitas, Louisville, 1954.

RUNNING BACKS

Marcus Allen, USC, 1981; Cliff Battles, West Virginia Wesleyan, 1931; Jay Berwanger, Chicago, 1935; Doc Blanchard, Army, 1946; Charles Brickley, Harvard, 1914; Jim Brown, Syracuse, 1956; Johnny Mack Brown, Alabama, 1925; Frank Butterworth, Yale, 1894; Walter Camp, Yale, 1881; Earl Campbell, Texas, 1977; Billy Cannon, LSU, 1959; Bob Chappuis, Michigan, 1947; Ted Coy, Yale, 1909; John David Crow, Texas A&M, 1957; Anthony Davis, USC, 1974; Ernie Davis, Syracuse, 1961; Glenn Davis, Army, 1946; Pete Dawkins, Army, 1958; Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, 1976; Bill Dudley, Virginia, 1941; Beattie Feathers, Tennessee, 1933; Mike Garrett, USC, 1965; George Gipp, Notre Dame, 1920; Marshall Goldberg, Pittsburgh, 1938; Red Grange, Illinois, 1925; Archie Griffin, Ohio State, 1975; Chic Harley, Ohio State, 1919; Tom Harmon, Michigan, 1940; Franco Harris, Penn State, 1971; Willie Heston Michigan, 1904; Paul Hornung, Notre Dame, 1956; Dixie Howell, Alabama, 1934; Bo Jackson, Auburn, 1985; Choo-Choo Justice, North Carolina, 1949; Addison Kelly, Princeton, 1897; Leroy Keyes, Purdue, 1968; John Kimbrough, Texas A&M, 1940; Pug Lund, Minnesota, 1934; Dicky Maegle, Rice, 1954; Eddie Mahan, Harvard, 1915; John Majors, Tennessee, 1956; Ollie Matson, San Francisco, 1952; George McAfee, Duke, 1939; Thomas McClung, Yale, 1891; Creighton Miller, Notre Dame, 1943; Lenny Moore, Penn State, 1955; Marion Motley, Nevada, 1942; Ernie Nevers, Stanford, 1925; Elmer Oliphant, Army, 1917; Walter Payton, Jackson State, 1974; Pete Pihos, Indiana, 1946; Bobby Reynolds, Nebraska, 1952; Kyle Rote, SMU, 1950; Mike Rozier, Nebraska, 1983; Barry Sanders, Oklahoma State, 1988; George Sauer, Nebraska, 1933; Gale Sayers, Kansas, 1964; Marchie Schwartz, Notre Dame, 1931; Ozzie Simmons, Iowa, 1936; O.J. Simpson, USC, 1968; Billy Sims, Oklahoma, 1979; Bruce Smith, Minnesota, 1941; Norm Standlee, Stanford, 1940; Ken Strong, New York University, 1928; Jim Thorpe, Carlisle, 1912; Charley Trippi, Georgia, 1946; Billy Vessels, Oklahoma, 1952; Doak Walker, SMU, 1949; Herschel Walker, Georgia, 1982; Harold Weekes, Columbia, 1901; Whizzer White, Colorado, 1937; Bobby Wilson, SMU, 1935.

Jarrin' John Kimbrough was never down until every inch of him was down.





UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Tho the essence of running style, Dorsett sometimes forgot to tuck the ball in.

ENDS/FLANKERS

Lance Alworth, Arkansas, 1961; Ron Beagle, Navy, 1955; Fred Biletnikoff, Florida State, 1964; Lynn Bomar, Vanderbilt, 1924; Tim Brown, Notre Dame, 1987; David Campbell, Harvard, 1901; Anthony Carter, Michigan, 1982; Jerry Dalrymple, Tulane, 1931; Mike Ditka, Pittsburgh, 1960; Bob Dove, Notre Dame, 1942; Wes Fesler, Ohio State, 1930; Bill Fincher, Georgia Tech, 1920; Huntington Hardwick, Harvard, 1914; Leon Hart, Notre Dame, 1949; Frank Hinkey, Yale, 1894; Gordon Hudson, BYU, 1983; Don Hutson, Alabama, 1934; Raghib Ismail, Notre Dame, 1990; Larry Kelley, Yale, 1936; Ron Kramer, Michigan, 1956; Keith Jackson, Oklahoma, 1987; John Jef-

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Muller of California, proficient both receiving and passing, was the first West Coast player Camp picked on his All-America team, in the year 1921.

ferson, Arizona State, 1977; Steve Largent, Tulsa, 1975; Ken MacAfee, Notre Dame, 1977; Brick Muller, California, 1922; Bennie Oosterbaan, Michigan, 1927; Jerry Rice, Mississippi Valley State, 1984; Johnny Rodgers, Nebraska, 1972; Larry Seivers, Tennessee, 1976; Ron Sellers, Florida State, 1968; Tom Shevlin, Yale, 1905; Joe Skladany, Pittsburgh, 1933; Lynn Swann, USC, 1973; Gaynell Tinsley, LSU, 1936; Howard Twilley, Tulsa, 1965; David Williams, Illinois, 1985; Kellen Winslow, Missouri, 1978.

TACKLES

Josh Cody, Vanderbilt, 1914-16, 19; George Connor, Notre Dame, 1947; Tex Coulter, Army, 1945; Hector Cowan, Princeton, 1889; John DeWitt, Princeton, 1903; Dan Dierdorf, Michigan, 1970; Nick Drahos, Cornell, 1940; Turk Edwards, Washington State, 1931; Carl Eller, Minnesota, 1963; Steve Emtman, Washington, 1991; Hamilton Fish, Harvard, 1909; Bill Fralic, Pittsburgh, 1984; Bob Gain, Kentucky, 1950; Wilbur Henry, Washington and Jefferson, 1919; Cal Hubbard, Geneva, 1926; Alex Karras, Iowa, 1957; Bruiser Kinard, Mississippi, 1937; Bob Lilly, TCU, 1960; Tony Mandarich, Michigan State, 1988; Anthony Munoz, USC, 1979; Bronko Nagurski, Minnesota, 1929; Marshall Newell, Harvard, 1893; Leo Nomellini, Minnesota, 1949; Merlin Olsen, Utah State, 1961; Charles Rinehart, Lafayette, 1897; Fred Sington, Alabama, 1930; Ernie Smith, USC, 1932; Joe Stydahar, West Virginia, 1935; Ed Weir, Nebraska, 1925; Belford West, Colgate, 1919; Ed Widseth, Minnesota, 1936; Dick Wildung, Minnesota, 1942; Alvin Wistert, Michigan, 1949; Ron Yary, USC, 1967.

GUARDS

Alex Agase, Illinois, 1946; Jack Cannon, Notre Dame, 1929; Bill Corbus, Stanford, 1933; Roy Foster, USC, 1981; Ned Glass, Yale, 1902; John Hannah, Alabama, 1972; Truxton Hare, Pennsylvania, 1900; Pudge Heffelfinger, Yale, 1891; Herman Hickman, Tennessee, 1931; Bill Krisher, Oklahoma, 1957; Calvin Jones, Iowa, 1955; Reggie McKenzie, Michigan, 1971; Jim Parker, Ohio State, 1956; Les Richter, California, 1951; Joe Routt, Texas A&M, 1937; Harry Smith, USC, 1939; Zeke Smith, Auburn, 1959; Dean Steinkuhler, Nebraska, 1983; Bob Suffridge, Tennessee, 1940.

CENTERS

Maxie Baughan, Georgia Tech, 1959; Chuck Bednarik, Pennsylvania, 1948; Mel Hein, Washington State, 1930; Carl Hinkle, Vanderbilt, 1937; Bill Lewis, Harvard, 1893; Bob Peck, Pittsburgh, 1916; Peter Pund, Georgia Tech, 1928; Dave Rimington, Nebraska, 1982; Jim Ritcher, N.C. State, 1979; Adolph Schulz, Michigan, 1907; Herb Stein, Pittsburgh, 1921; Ben Ticknor, Harvard, 1930; Jerry Tubbs, Oklahoma, 1956; Alex Wojciechowicz, Fordham, 1937.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Tony Casillas, Oklahoma, 1985; Rich Glover, Nebraska, 1972; Hugh Greene, Pittsburgh, 1980; Ted Hendricks, Miami, 1968; Bud McFadin, Texas, 1950; Tracy Rocker, Auburn, 1988; Lee Roy Selmon, Oklahoma, 1975; Billy Ray Smith, Arkansas, 1982; Bruce Smith, Virginia Tech, 1984; Bubba Smith, Michigan State, 1966; Jim Stillwagon, Ohio State, 1970; Randy White, Maryland, 1974; Reggie White, Tennessee, 1983; Chris Zorich, Notre Dame, 1990.

LINEBACKERS

Cornelius Bennett, Alabama, 1986; Brian Bosworth, Oklahoma, 1986; Dick Butkus, Illinois, 1964; Randy Gradishar, Ohio State, 1973; Jack Ham, Penn State, 1970; Sam Huff, West Virginia, 1955; Lee Roy Jordan, Alabama, 1962; Wilber Marshall, Florida, 1983; Tommy Nobis, Texas, 1965; Jerry Robinson, UCLA, 1978; Rod Shoate, Oklahoma, 1974; Mike Singletary, Baylor, 1980; Chris Spielman, Ohio State, 1987; Michael Stonebreaker, Notre Dame, 1990; Lawrence Taylor, North Carolina, 1980; Derrick Thomas, Alabama, 1988.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Bennie Blades, Miami, 1987; Dave Brown, Michigan, 1974; Tommy Casanova, LSU, 1971; Kenny Easley, UCLA, 1980; David Fulcher, Arizona State, 1985; Jerry Gray, Texas, 1984; Terry Kinard, Clemson, 1982; Johnnie Johnson, Texas, 1979; Ronnie Lott, USC, 1980; Bobby Majors, Tennessee, 1971; Deion Sanders, Florida State, 1988; Jake Scott, Georgia, 1968; Jack Tatum, Ohio State, 1970; George Webster, Michigan State, 1966.

PLACEKICKERS

Matt Bahr, Penn State, 1978; Kevin Butler, Georgia, 1984; Philip Doyle, Alabama, 1990; Russell Erxleben, Texas, 1978; Carlos Huerta, Miami, 1991; John Lee, UCLA, 1985; Chuck Nelson, Washington, 1982; Derek Schmidt, Florida State, 1987.

DROPKICKERS

Charles Brickley, Harvard, 1914; Pat O'Dea, Wisconsin, 1899.

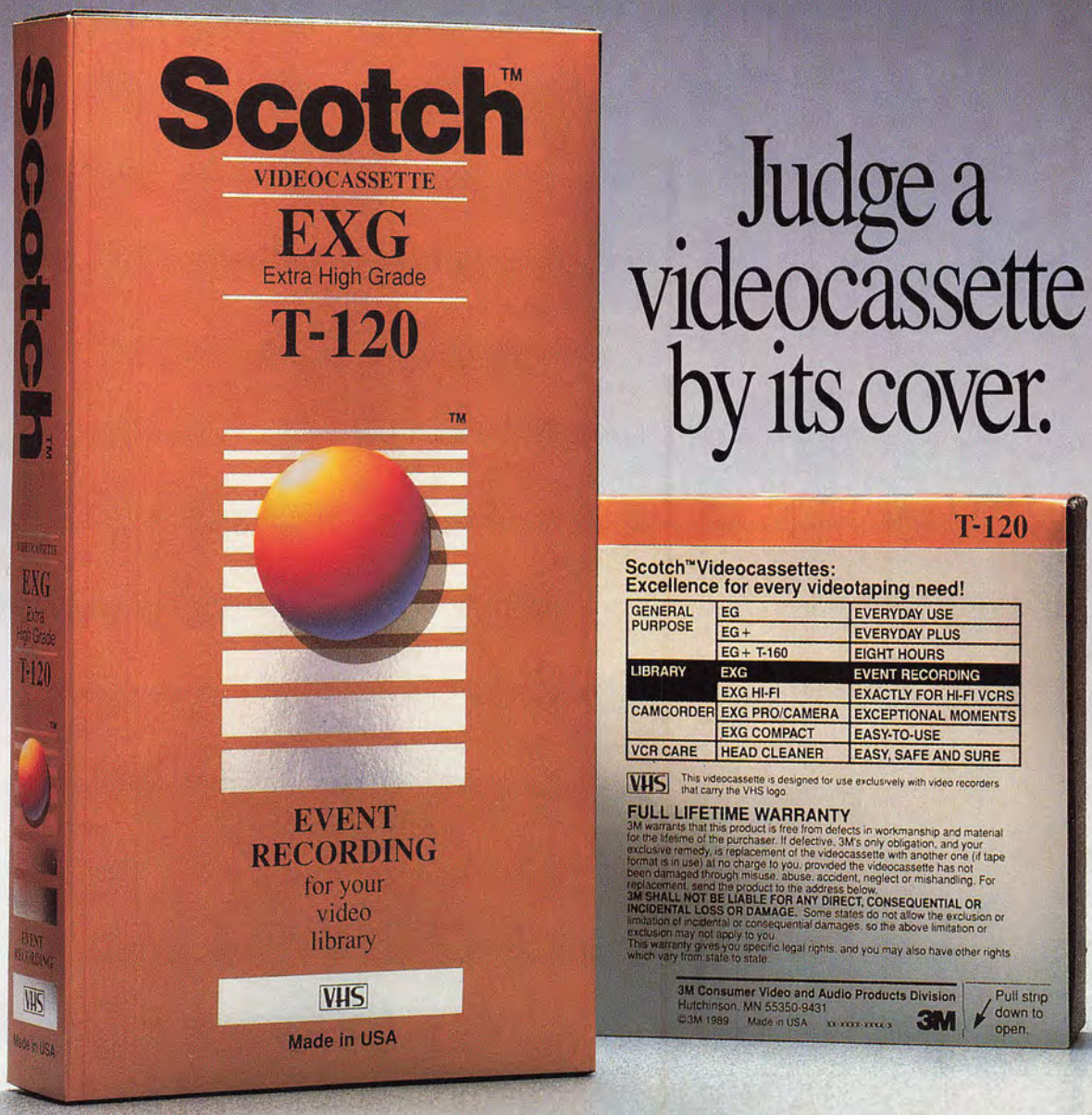
PUNTERS

Ray Guy, Southern Miss, 1972; Alexander Moffat, Princeton, 1884; Reggie Roby, Iowa, 1982; Bill Smith, Mississippi, 1986. ■

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Moore Than Ever, 'Bama Appreciates Him

By JIMMY BRYAN
The Birmingham News

It was what the late great University of Alabama coach Paul "Bear" Bryant would call an old-fashioned gut check.

Alabama assistant head coach Mal Moore's priority project last year was developing a quarterback capable of competing in the Southeastern Conference. He had two prospects, neither of whom had known the heat of a conference game.

Moore, who coached 19 years, including one as a graduate assistant, at Bryant's side and is familiar with gut checks, never had before faced such a problem.

The pair receiving the crash course were senior Danny Woodson, who had participated in a few mop-up plays during his career, and redshirt freshman Jay Barker, who had competed in none.

Not only that but Moore's quarterback had to work behind an inexperienced offensive line. There was not a senior among them.

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"We had thought 1991 would be a down year," Moore says. "We were a young team not only at quarterback but also in the offensive line, and those are two areas you don't want to be starting over at the same time.

"We had some strengths at running back and wide receiver, but we honestly didn't know who the quarterback would be until the week of the opening game. Danny had played only a few snaps and missed his freshman and sophomore years because of questions about his entrance test score. He had never practiced, been in offensive meetings or in the weight room.

"When Danny started as a junior, it was like pulling a guy in off the streets. He was way behind. Danny was embarrassed. He had talent but had trouble handling the offense in the huddle and recognizing defenses. It was all new to him.

Of all former Alabama coach Bear Bryant's proteges, Mal Moore of the current staff was with him longest as player and coach: 24 years.



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MIKE MOORE

Quarterback Jay Barker (7) pitched in energetically when Moore gave him a crash course.

"Jay was in much the same position. He had played only one year in high school and came to Alabama a very inexperienced quarterback. But he is a good athlete and a bright young man who wanted to play badly.

"Jay might have been a little ahead going into the week of the opening game, but he injured his shoulder. Danny started against Temple. He had some success early and was the top-rated quarterback in the SEC for a while.

"Woodson was hurt against Florida, and Barker had to play the second half. He wasn't ready and we lost. Then, after the Mississippi State game (eighth of the season), Coach (Gene) Stallings suspended Danny, and we started over with Jay.

"It's tough for a team to go through something like that. Jay worked hard and stepped up to a higher level. He won the last four games as our starter. He's undefeated as a starting college quarterback. Since I had never before had to start over with a quarterback twice, last season was one of the most gratifying of my career."

Moore's work behind the scenes did not go unnoticed. He was voted the Birmingham Touchdown Club's SEC Working Coach of the Year by assistant conference coaches.

It did not go unnoticed by Stallings, either.

"Mal did a super job," Stallings says. "Without any experience at the quarterback position at all, after seven games Danny was rated first or second in the SEC. After that, Mal took a redshirt freshman who had played very little and won the rest of them.

"Mal is an excellent football coach, the kind who's going to do a great job in all areas. His work was outstanding in simplifying our offense and calling the plays."

Moore's long affiliation with Alabama started in 1958, when he arrived as a quarterback from Dozier, Ala. He began his coaching career at Montana State in 1963 and returned to Alabama the following year, remaining until Bryant's retirement after the 1982 season.

During the head coaching tenures of Ray Perkins and Bill Curry at Alabama, Moore spent three years at Notre Dame under Gerry Faust, the last two as assistant head coach and backfield coach, and four with the St. Louis and Phoenix Cardinals of the NFL under Stallings. Moore previously had served with Stallings on Bryant's staff. Four days after Stallings became Alabama coach in 1990, he hired Moore.

"I never dreamed I would come back to Alabama," Moore says. "I was here with Coach Bryant during a time that was unique in college football history. In the 1970s, when Coach Bryant changed to the wishbone, we won 103 games, and I don't think anybody has ever matched that. We won three national and eight conference championships in that decade.

"The wishbone was a fun offense to coach. It was new, and we had an opportunity to be innovative with it. Texas was running the wishbone as well as anybody in the country, and Coach Bryant brought in Darrell Royal (then Texas head coach) and Emory Bellard (then Texas offensive backfield coach) to teach us. We holed up in a motel for three days picking their brains.

"Coach Bryant made a total commitment to the wishbone that year (1971). We managed to keep it a secret all through (preseason) practice and totally surprised Southern Cal in the opener. We beat them 17–10 in Los Angeles. They had beaten us badly 42–21 the year before in Birmingham."

Beginning in '71, the Tide compiled records of 11–1, 10–2, 11–1, 11–1, 11–1, 9–3, 11–1, 11–1 and 12–0 in the decade.

"During his 25 years at Alabama, Coach Bryant won six national championships and I don't know how many in the conference (it was 13)," Moore says. "I was involved in all of them. That's something I'm awfully proud of.

"It's hard to say if those days will be repeated anywhere, but that's what Coach Stallings, the staff and the entire athletic department are striving to do again. Alabama is at a level where everybody takes genuine pride in it. Not only on the field but everywhere.

"When I left Alabama for Notre Dame, I didn't realize what an effect Coach Bryant had on football nationwide. Hardly a day went by that somebody didn't ask me about him and Alabama football. He affected the lives of people across America.

"I was always amazed at how Father (Theodore) Hesburgh (then Notre Dame president) and Father (Edmund) Joyce (then executive vice president) respected Alabama football and loved Coach Bryant.

"I always felt comfortable there because of that. Once when we had beaten Southern Cal, Father Hesburgh came into the dressing room to congratulate the team. He came by to shake hands with me and was wearing a hat like Coach Bryant always wore.

"I told him, 'Father, you look mighty handsome with that hat on.' He smiled and said, 'Paul gave it to me.' So the ties were strong.

"Coach Bryant changed the way football was coached and the way it was played. His theories on speed and quickness had a big effect. He raised the level of competition in the SEC. The level that all conference schools play at now goes back to Coach Bryant."

Moore worked on Bryant's staffs as a secondary defense coach (1965-70), quarterbacks coach (1971-74) and from 1975 through 1982 as offensive coordinator.

The 52-year-old Moore is beginning his 22nd year of coaching at Alabama, counting a season as graduate assistant, and 30th overall.

"I like what we're doing now at Alabama," Moore says. "It's a more versatile offensive scheme. You have to be able to run and be able to stop the run to win consistently. I learned that from Coach Bryant. You want to throw effectively to be more balanced, and we're getting into position to do that."

One of the highlights of Moore's career was Bryant's chase of Amos Alonzo Stagg's record 314 coaching victories. Bryant passed Stagg in the final regular-season game in 1981, a 28-17 victory over Auburn.

"I recall a TV guy once asked Coach Bryant if he worried about the names of Stagg and Pop Warner, the two coaches ahead of him in wins at the time (Warner won 313). Coach told him the only name that worried him was David Mathews. The broadcaster wasn't familiar with David Mathews, who was then president of the university. He asked, 'Who is David Mathews?' And Coach said, 'He does the hiring and firing at the university.' Coach knew how to handle a situation."

Moore learned how to handle a situation from Bear Bryant. In particular, an old-fashioned gut check. ■

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CHARLES CUPPETT

Joe Paterno is the dean of major college football coaches. He has been at Penn State since 1950 and has been head coach since 1966. In his 26 seasons as head coach, his teams have won 240 games—more than any other active Division I-A coach—lost 62 and tied three, a success rate of 79 percent. He is No. 4 on the all-time list of major college coaches in victories, trailing only Paul "Bear" Bryant, Amos Alonzo Stagg and Glenn S. "Pop" Warner. He is second to Bryant in bowl appearances and bowl victories, and his teams won national championships in 1982 and 1986. The membership of the American Football Coaches Association has elected Paterno national Coach of the Year an unprecedented four times. He is the only active coach to have won the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame's Distinguished American award, which he received last December.

Today more than ever, college presidents are taking responsibility for the preservation of intercollegiate athletics, ensuring the integrity of their programs and, at the same time, maintaining the vitality of all sports.

I don't think any committed coach can take issue with the involvement of the presidents in the administration of intercollegiate athletics. At Penn State, we have had such institutional control, and the participation of the presidents on the national level is indeed welcome.

Having said that, I don't necessarily subscribe to all the changes the Presidents Commission has instituted through the NCAA. Many recollect that our coaches and other athletic staffs have not done a good job informing our presidents on what constitutes constructive changes. As a result, I am afraid we have created new rules and new restrictions which might diminish the coaches' ability to run athletic programs that are a source of personal growth and provide meaningful competition for our student-athletes. What we must work to establish are activities which add zest to a quality education and enrich life in the exciting mainstream of a vibrant college experience.

Eliminating an assistant coach and replacing graduate assistants with reduced-earning personnel as a cost-cutting measure would have made it more difficult for our coaching staffs to successfully assume the increasing responsibility for the welfare of our people, from guiding their lifestyles to being accountable for their graduation. The release of institutional graduation rates increases the already significant pressure on football coaches who are held accountable for the academic proficiency of their players, a responsibility no other university administrator or faculty member, with the exception of the president, shoulders in such a public manner. The elimination of graduate assistants would have scrapped the only intern program available to young people who desire to further their education and prepare themselves to be effective coaches.

As an aside, I hope that in the drive to improve graduation rates we will not overlook the necessity of providing a meaningful education or assume that the student does not have the prime responsibility to graduate. We must continue to challenge our athletes in the classroom, not design or condone programs that will push them through the university for the purpose of improving the published rates.

In seeking to get more institutional control of the expenses and excesses of recruiting, we must be careful not to institute rules so restrictive, so complex and so cumbersome that we end up creating added costs and spending excessive time seeking interpretations. The best-intentioned coaching staff has trouble toeing the NCAA line when it has to deal with the abrupt changes of recruiting legislation.

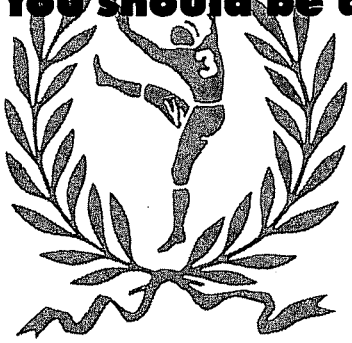
For the past several years our rules have been effective and, contrary to the public perception, most of our people do not deliberately break them (even though we sometimes have to adhere to some which are neither fair nor practical). The vast majority of football coaches want to do an honest job recruiting. Of course, as in all human endeavors, there are exceptions, but, by and large, the climate is competitive rather than confrontational. But before we change regulations, we need the input of coaches who have to deal with the rules on a daily basis. Our coaches, as would be the case with any faculty member, need to feel that they are contributing to the dialogue which leads to simple, enforceable rules. Such participation adds to their responsibility to ensure that they and their colleagues abide by the rule changes.

I am encouraged that at the most recent NCAA Convention (January 1992) we were able to restore the assistant coaching position, the graduate assistants and pass some other refinement legislation. This, I think, was an indication of an improving climate of communication between presidents, athletic directors and coaches. I think presidential involvement is essential and will be a positive influence. The necessity exists, however, for continuing informed input from coaches and athletic administrators. This does not in any way imply that we should expect to have it only our way. Once we receive a fair hearing, we should support efforts to refine the reforms the Presidents Commission has originated and, as the Commission moves ahead, to discuss and support additional improvements.

College football is a wonderful game, but I believe we have to be careful not to make changes without thoroughly evaluating their impact from every angle, including their effect on our other intercollegiate sports, both men's and women's.

If we can create this atmosphere of collegiality, we can then use all of our resources to make college football and intercollegiate athletics what they should be: a meaningful educational experience for our maturing young people, a source of pride for our universities and enjoyment for the millions of people who love college sports. ■

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ARKANSAS STATE

Let's play some Jeopardy.

Answer: In 1981 he coached the New York Giants to the NFL playoffs for the first time in 18 years.

Answer: In 1984 he coached the University of Alabama to its first losing season in 27 years.

Question: Who is Ray Perkins?

Good question. The man who once was described as having "the personality of a silicon chip," the man whose own wife told him he didn't have the personality to conduct his TV show all by himself, the man about whom a longtime Alabama supporter was quoted in the Oct. 15, 1984, issue of *Sports Illustrated* as saying, "If Perkins found out there was one person in this state who still liked him, he'd call him up and tick him off." This man is the new head coach at Arkansas State University, the newest member (along with Nevada) of NCAA Division I-A.

What happened was that Perkins found an old colleague from Alabama who still liked him. Arkansas State athletic director Charles Thornton, despite opposing the firing of Al Kincaid (4–17–1 in two seasons), was the deciding factor in luring the high-profile Perkins to Jonesboro. The 50-year-old coach received a three-year contract with a base salary in the $65,000-70,000 range.

"I was totally shocked when I got his application," Thornton says of the man who succeeded Bear Bryant at Alabama, where Thornton had been sports publicist, assistant athletic director and Bryant's right-hand man. "I got the feeling that somebody was playing a trick."

Perkins, on the other hand, says he "got the feeling that the people here—Charley especially—liked the idea of wanting me here. To me that means a lot.

"I'm chomping at the bit to get started. I really like the university, the town and the overall setting in the Jonesboro area. The challenge of taking a program into Division I-A also has a lot of appeal to me."

Actually, the football program was legislated from Division I-A down to I-AA 10 years ago. The Indians made the I-AA playoffs four years in a row (1984-87), and in 1986 they reached the championship game before losing to Georgia Southern.

"The impression is that it has been over the years one of the better jobs in Division I-AA," Perkins says. "Of late, it appears from the outside, recruiting has faltered somewhat. I will try to work to make it a winning program again. It will take a little time and a little work."

Thornton says the hiring of Perkins, whose resume includes head coaching jobs with the Giants and Tampa Bay, and one of the nation's traditional collegiate powers, "gives us a chance to take a quicker route to where we want to be with this program. He provides a heightened visibility in football circles that we haven't had before at Arkansas State."

Dr. Eugene Smith, Arkansas State's president, said the school "spent a lot of time looking for the right man, and we believe we found him. The I-A move is so important to this university, and we believe Ray Perkins' leadership will give us an opportunity to be competitive in I-A."



COURTLAND RICHARDS

Ray Perkins is back on the college scene, Tampa Bay and Vinny Testaverde just a memory.

But probably not for a while. The Indians were 1–10 a year ago, and Perkins predicts "a tough challenge for us the first year. I think we've got a bunch of good kids. How many players we've got I really don't know.

"It's almost like starting from scratch. We will be competitive again and will win again. It's not going to be something that happens overnight, but we do hope to be competitive this season against most of the teams on our schedule."

The biggest chores are reshaping a defense that allowed 361 points, the most in 69 years, and finding a quarterback to replace record-setting Roy Johnson.

Only two returnees have taken snaps at quarterback, both in limited roles. Junior Scott Brown played in two games last season, and junior Jack Dollarhide started three games in 1990 before working at tight end and linebacker last year.

The top six receivers return, led by junior wide-outs Kendricke Bullard, the 1991 reception leader, and Blake Denison, who tied for that honor in 1990. Senior Jimbo Griffin (6–3, 235) is the most experienced tight end.

Sophomore Jerrold Seymore, the No. 2 rusher last year with 405 yards, returns at fullback, with Stacy Crockett, who averaged 6.2 yards on 42 carries, the likely starter at halfback.

Three senior regulars return upfront: center Eric Tate (6–2, 260), guard Lee Hunt (6–2, 260) and tackle Richard Smith (6–3, 260). All graded out decently. Juniors Marshall Haigler (6–3, 295) and Jeff Parkman (6–1, 280) could be at the other guard and tackle spots respectively.

The defensive line, which was pushed around for 415 yards a game (280 on the ground, 135 through the air), will contain some new faces. Senior end Kenny Ingram (6–3, 255) and sophomore tackle Lorenzo Parker (6–0, 290) are the only regulars still around. Help must come from junior letterman Mike McDonald (6–2, 260) at nose guard and senior Chester Jordan (6–6, 295), the likely starter at tackle.

The linebacking corps features the 2–3–4 tacklers from a year ago in senior Cedric Buckley (6–0, 200) and juniors Marcus Lawson (5–11, 235) and Michael Beason (5–11, 220). Senior Aubrey Miller (6–0, 210) is pushing for the other linebacker spot.

The secondary contains some quality, despite the loss of Derrick Toney, the leading tackler the last two years. Junior Elshon Richmond is a two-year regular at strong safety, and seniors Kenny Simmons and Roy Collier have seen action at cornerback. Free safety could be between senior Rodney Alexander and freshman Matt Boxdorfer.

The kicking game has been a problem in recent years and remains one. Hoping to change that are junior punter Cord Dockery and senior placekicker Ryan Jose.

Among Perkins' goals are upgrading the housing for student-athletes and downgrading a schedule that has the Indians playing seven games on the road, including the last five, and sends them to Oklahoma in September. Future schedules include the likes of Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi State, LSU, Texas A&M and Texas Tech.

"You can jump from I-AA to any level that you might desire in Division I-A," Perkins says. "I think you can do it gradually, or you can just go ahead and commit suicide. I would rather not commit suicide." ■

MIAMI

His school has won the national championship two of the last three seasons, three of the last five, four of the last nine. And this year it may be five out of 10.

Along with those titles, Miami has won 18 straight games (the nation's longest streak), 40 of its last 43, 67 of its last 72, and 45 in a row at home in the Orange Bowl.

Perhaps it's little wonder that Gino Torretta's number (13), as well as his name, can get lost in the shuffle of the Hurricanes' astonishing success in football.

But it matters little to this senior quarterback that the public-address announcer at the Orange Bowl once or twice had trouble getting his name right, or that some people say he is too slow and his arm too weak.

The announcer confused him with his older brother Geoff, a rather undistinguished predecessor as a Miami quarterback.

"Geoff thought it was funny," says Gino. "Maybe he's paying the guy or something. But I thought it was funny, too."

Torretta shrugs off talk about his speed and arm strength, as well as the occasional suggestion that he is an average quarterback hanging onto the coattails of talented teammates.

"Obviously, you can't please everybody," Torretta says. "I think it has something to do with my not being heavily recruited out of high school. I have to show everybody. I feel that my arm is as strong as anybody's."

One critic is his mother, Connie, a regular at Miami games.

When a TV commentator suggested Torretta was a Heisman Trophy possibility after Miami routed Houston 40–10 early last season, his mother said, "Gino, precious, your stats weren't that wonderful."

Replied Gino, patiently, "Mom, stats don't win games."

He had thrown for 365 yards and four touchdowns. No interceptions. But Mom apparently had also observed that her son had completed less than half his throws, 16 of 35.

The career statistics of this 6–3, 205-pounder are, however, remarkable. Torretta is 15–1 as a starter. In 11 regular-season games in 1991, he completed 205 of 371 passes for 3,095 yards and 20 touchdowns. He holds the record for the two longest passes in school history, a 99-yarder against Arkansas and an 88-yarder against Cincinnati.

However, there are a couple of reasons why folks may tend to take Torretta for granted. They remember the splendid quarterbacks who preceded him: Jim Kelly, Bernie Kosar, Vinnie Testaverde, Steve Walsh, Craig Erickson. Too, the Hurricanes have been blessed with gifted receivers who can enhance the statistics of any quarterback.

"I think a lot of people credit the receivers for my success," Torretta says. "I do, too. But there are times when I make a tough throw to get them the ball."

Torretta is good enough for Bobby Bowden. "He reminds me of a blue-collar-type quarterback, kind of like Jim Kelly," says the Florida State coach.

He's good enough, too, for Bill Walsh, former NBC-TV commentator and San Francisco 49ers coach, now at Stanford. Walsh says Torretta has the components it takes to make it in the NFL.

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"Gino is a proven winner," says Miami coach Dennis Erickson, who considers Torretta's arm both strong and accurate. "He is smart, and he runs the offense better than anybody I've been around. What he does better than anybody I've had is throw the ball deep. He doesn't make as many spectacular plays as some people, but he doesn't make mistakes."

Toretta earned his degree last December and has been taking graduate courses since. (Interestingly, 13 of Miami's 21 seniors will have earned degrees before the first kickoff this fall.)

The youngest of four boys, Torretta watched his brothers—Gary, plus the twins, Geoff and Greg—excel in sports.

Growing up in Pinole, Calif., a San Francisco suburb, Torretta played football from the sixth grade on but was perhaps more into surfing and skateboarding. At 14 he broke one arm skateboarding. At 15 he broke the other. "That last time I kind of got a message," Torretta says.

He was a child actor, appearing in a TV show or two, and did commercials. As a 5-year-old, he had a role in *The Enforcer*, a Clint Eastwood film. "What I did was walk into an elevator," Torretta recalls.

His favorite commercial was one for Clorox. The script called for Torretta to mess up his shirt while eating pizza. He got to eat lots of pizza.

Connie Torretta says her son is just a quiet kid

MIKE MOORE

Like the quarterbacks who came before him at Miami, Gino Torretta is quite the enforcer in making the Hurricanes' offense click.


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BILL THORUP

STEPHEN McGUIRE

who never particularly wanted to be a football hero.

"People didn't think I would ever start here," Torretta says. "I'm not outspoken. But (on the field) I let it be known what has to be done."

Perhaps the main thing that has to be done is keep Torretta off skateboards—keep him healthy. There are, however, two strapping, but relatively inexperienced, quarterbacks behind him, sophomore Frank Costa and redshirt freshman Ryan Collins.

One word describes the rest of this team: loaded.

"Last year everybody talked about our inexperience," Torretta says. "I think we realized we can win without experience. Now that we have it, we are just that much more comfortable."

At no position are the Hurricanes more loaded than with receivers who refer to themselves as The Ruthless Posse.

Start with the two 6–3 seniors, flanker Lamar Thomas and split end Horace Copeland. The former led the team last year with 39 catches, while Copeland's average per catch (19.1 yards) was best.

A versatile athlete, Copeland turned in a 24–4½ long jump and a 6–9½ high jump in a Big East track meet this year. "He could become one of the best receivers this school has ever produced," says Erickson. "He's not only a great deep threat, but he can catch the ball coming over the middle."

Other fine receivers include senior Darryl Spencer, junior Kevin "The Flash" Williams and sophomore Chris Jones.

Williams is terrific with ball in hand, not only as a receiver but also as a return man—notably punts (15.6 average, three touchdowns), but kickoffs as well—and as a sometimes runner on reverses.

In Miami's basic one-back system, receivers like Williams and Spencer also line up, on rare occasions, at tailback. But the featured runner is the fullback.

The No. 1 fullback is senior Stephen McGuire, top rusher the past two seasons. He's scored 30 touchdowns, two short of the school record. A Florida State nemesis, McGuire netted 342 yards running and catching in the last two games of that rivalry.

"He makes tacklers miss and makes things happen on the field," Erickson says. "One defender cannot bring him down. He has the ability to take over a game."

But McGuire was rehabilitating a damaged knee in the spring, raising the question of whether he will be as strong as he was before the injury. In any event, the Hurricanes never seem to run out of quality backups. Larry Jones, a sophomore, emerged as Orange Bowl MVP last year. There's good depth behind him, too.

This is a team that returns eight offensive starters. The missing trio played on the offensive line, apparently the only area of concern.

There may be trouble filling the 17EEE shoes of Leon Searcy at weak tackle. Senior Kipp Vickers (6–2, 265) moves there from weak guard, and junior Candido Cerda (6–5, 281) lends a hand.

A sophomore, Tirrell Greene (6–3, 292), will be Miami's youngest starting center in some time.

The other vacancy is at strong guard. Best bet there is junior Brad Shirey (6–5, 270), who seems to have been held back only by nagging ailments.

At weak guard, junior Rudy Barber (6–3, 285) returns. Senior Mario Cristobal (6–4, 280) is back at strong tackle. While Cristobal rehabilitated a knee in the spring, sophomore Zev Lumelski (6–7, 290) worked there.

Tight end seems in the capable hands of three fifth-year seniors, with Coleman Bell (6–2, 225) in the fore. He stepped forward during last season's stretch, catching 20 of his 28 passes in the last five games. He'll be pushed, however, by seniors Carlos Etheredge (6–5, 236) and Kevin Kirkeide (6–4, 230).

Though spectacular quarterbacks and receivers have hogged much of the Hurricanes' glory, defense has generally been the difference.

Miami loses five starters off a unit that last year led the nation in scoring defense (9.1 points per game) and in the Orange Bowl shut out a Nebraska team (22–0) for the first time since Oklahoma blanked the Cornhuskers 27–0 in 1973.

The secondary was hit hardest with the departure of starting cornerback Herbert James, All-America free safety Darryl Williams, plus Hurlie Brown and Charles Pharms, who shared starting time at strong safety.

There's no problem at one corner with returning starter Ryan McNeil, a senior, gunning for All-America acclaim. A bit of a bonus came in the spring when junior Chad Wilson joined the squad. A starter for Long Beach State last season, he's immediately eligible to play for Miami because his school dropped football.

Two juniors, Dexter Seigler and Paul White, each with abundant specialty-team experience, duel for the other corner spot.

Junior Terris Harris and sophomore C.J. Richardson are a toss-up at free safety. Strong safety likely will be manned by senior Casey Greer, backed by junior Marcus Carey and sophomore Malcolm Pearson.

Upfront the Hurricanes lost tackles Anthony Hamlet and Eric Miller, but depth is plentiful. Mark Caesar (6–2, 290) is a senior tackle with All-America potential. At the other tackle, sophomore Pat Riley (6–6, 267) is a proven talent after emerging as the only true freshman to contribute significantly last year.

End features aggressive leader Rusty Medearis (6–3, 245), an explosive junior and one of the team's most valuable performers. "Quick hands and feet movement enable him to beat offensive linemen before they get set," says Ed Orgeron, defensive line coach.

Three juniors—Damon Bethel (6–5, 252), Kevin Patrick (6–4, 245) and Darren Krein (6–4, 245)—also figure prominently at defensive end.



LARRY KINKER

LAMAR THOMAS

Quick linebackers have often been a Miami strength. Nothing's changed. All-American Darrin Smith (6–1, 228), a senior, is a Butkus Award hopeful with strong credentials. Playing the strong side, he's the team's top tackler.

Senior Michael Barrow (6–2, 230) is an improved middle linebacker with numerous big plays to his credit. Second to Smith in tackles last year, Barrow tips his helmet to Darrin. "We have a defensive unit that's full of talented people," he says. "So we don't depend on any one person. But Darrin still manages to shine."

Then, there's Jessie Armstead (6–2, 218), another senior of unusual talent, who sat out the spring after shoulder surgery. Several other outstanding linebackers await their turns.

Miami will miss Carlos Huerta, consensus All-America placekicker who booted 17 of 21 field goals last season. Dane Prewitt, a redshirt freshman, may be the best bet to replace him. Punting is in the hands of returning senior Paul Snyder, who averaged 38.4 yards in 1991.

Although Erickson is the first Division I-A coach to win two national championships in three years since Bear Bryant of Alabama captured back-to-back titles in 1978-79 after finishing second in 1977, he hardly acts like a fellow holding another pat hand. In the spring, Erickson was experimenting with the shotgun and a no-huddle offense.

By whatever means, there seems no end in sight. ■

DARRIN SMITH



BILL THORUP

He is good at what he does, but not many know who he is.

Or where he plays.

What Robert Stevenson does for Florida State's offensive line is just about everything. He has done that for three years now, and in his senior season, he may again be something akin to baseball's utility infielder.

Stevenson will start where the Seminoles most need him. Chances are that will be split tackle, where he was last year's starter. But maybe not. He's started at center, both guards, both tackles, and even lined up in the slot as a blocking back.

"His best position would be center," says Brad Scott, the Seminoles' offensive coordinator, "but . . . "

One "but" is that Florida State hopes to have a splendid senior center in Robbie Baker (6–4, 250). For the second year in a row, however, Baker is coming off major shoulder surgery, and the Seminoles go into preseason practice with a question mark there.

Another is that there may not be a suitable replacement for Stevenson at split tackle, a vital spot, as any passing quarterback will tell you.

"He is, by far, one of the best pass-protectors I've known in my coaching time," says Scott.

Stevenson can run-block, too, as Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith will testify, remembering the holes opened for him when the two were Pensacola (Fla.) Escambia High teammates.

"I'll do whatever they want me to do," says Stevenson of his Florida State circumstances. "If they want, I'll go back and dot the I (as tailback), as long as it'll help us get the ring."

A national championship ring, he means, something that has eluded Florida State. For five straight seasons, the Seminoles, 11–2 in 1991, have finished no worse than No. 4 nationally.

Stevenson feels that there may have been chances for a couple of rings. Over those last five years, Florida State's offensive line has been somewhere close to the nation's best. Injuries, however, have thrown the line for a loss at critical times.

"Last year we had the good chemistry of three seniors and two juniors on the line," says Stevenson. "Then one got hurt. Another got hurt, and a third.

"In the middle part of the season we started having breakdowns. We had to bring in fresh-faced guys who had never been in those situations before. They came in wide-eyed, nervous."

Without Stevenson moving hither and yon, it might have been disastrous.

"Robert Stevenson deserves a medal," says coach Bobby Bowden. "Wherever you put him, you're going to be improved there."

But not improved at the position Stevenson previously held.

In the season finale against Florida, however, Stevenson really was in no shape to answer the bell. "I was coming off the flu I'd had for about 10 days," he says. "I was living off fluids and didn't have anything in my stomach. It was a hot day. I was dehydrated and exhausted.

"But you play while hurt, sick or whatever. And particularly against Florida when others are unable to play and you're desperately needed. Still it was my worst game of the year, by far."

A 6–2, 278-pounder aspiring to a shot with the pros, Stevenson thinks his chances would be enhanced at center. But he likes the challenge of split tackle. "Every week you're playing against the best outside rusher the other team has," he says.

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But, Stevenson suggests, anywhere he hangs his hat is home.

"My parents always taught me if you're going to do something, give it your all," he says. "You never know who you're going to meet later on in life. You do the best you can."

Bowden feels that if Florida State is to continue in the manner to which it has become accustomed, Stevenson will be a most significant reason.

"It is comforting to know that if somebody else can play his position," says Bowden, "we can move ol' Robert somewhere else and make that position better."

Bowden thinks the offensive line is one of two areas of concern. Quarterback is the other.

"This team overall is just as talented as last year, and maybe more so," says Bowden, rarely one for bad-mouthing. "But it is how these new boys mature. It's how quickly they gain the experience that will determine just how good we will be."

Five starters return on offense but there is little experience at quarterback, perhaps the least in Bowden's previous 17 seasons with the Seminoles.

Charlie Ward, a 6–1 junior of undeniable

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Bobby Bowden knows that if a spot on the Seminoles' offensive line needs help, ol' Robert Stevenson is the man to call on.


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WILLIAM FLOYD

talent, is the big hope. But last year he threw just nine passes, completing five. Awfully quick and difficult to tackle, Ward was the point guard on Florida State's Top 25 basketball team.

"He has a kind of reputation for free-lancing," says Bowden, "but truly what he wants to do is sit in the pocket and run our offense."

Truly, that's what Bowden wants him to do, too. But what happens if Ward does just take off and run?

"Then I'll be cheering him on louder than anybody," says Bowden.

"He'll be a very dangerous quarterback. He's answered a lot of questions for us just on what he's done in basketball."

Challenging Ward is a bigger, stronger junior. Kenny Felder, at 6–3, spurned a pro baseball contract to play football. For two years he played in the outfield for Florida State's baseball team before turning to an all-out football quest in the spring.

"Kenny's like Charlie," says Bowden. "He hasn't had a chance to really show us yet what he can do."

One or the other must do it. There's no one else who's played a down.

But others who haven't played a down may be the salvation of an offensive line that returns only Stevenson and Baker as starters, though sophomore tight guard Patrick McNeil (6–3, 280) has played enough to rank as the equivalent of a starter.

Last year the Seminoles redshirted five highly promising freshman offensive linemen, among them Clay Shiver (6–3, 255), who may be good enough to challenge a healthy Baker at center, and Forrest Conoly, who's surely big enough (6–7, 328) to fill a vacancy.

Two men shifted from other positions may play key roles. Senior Troy Sanders (6–2, 261), who formerly lined up at defensive tackle, is in the picture at split guard now, along with senior Eric McGill (6–5, 260). However, after spring practice, redshirt freshman Lewis Tyre (6–5, 250) was listed as the starter. Ex-tight end Marvin Ferrell (6–6, 272), a junior, seems a good bet to start at tight tackle, though redshirt freshman Juan Laureano (6–5, 260) figures to contribute there or elsewhere.

Junior Lonnie Johnson (6–3, 224) is the tight end. A part-time starter last year, Johnson has fine speed and good hands. He hauled in 22 passes in 1991.

Seminole wide receivers are experienced enough. Bowden tends to rotate them. Shannon Baker, a senior with spectacular speed, will likely alternate at flanker with junior Matt Frier, a dependable possession receiver. Last year Baker led the team with 30 catches.

Kevin Knox, a tall (6–4) junior with exceptional potential, figures to share time at split end with Kez McCorvey, who played extensively as a freshman last season.

Florida State lost two enormously valuable backs: versatile fullback Edgar Bennett to graduation and slippery tailback Amp Lee to the pros after his junior season. Bennett may actually be missed more, with his great ability to catch passes and block as well as run. But sophomore William Floyd is an exciting replacement.

Sean Jackson, a big (6–2, 220), fast junior, moves in at Lee's tailback position after running for 119 yards in the Mobil Cotton Bowl. If he needs a breather, sophomores Sam "Tiger" McMillon and Marquette Smith are more than capable.

Five starters return from last year's defense, possibly the Seminoles' best ever. This one could be even better despite the loss of two extraordinary players, linebacker Kirk Carruthers and cornerback Terrell Buckley, who opted for the NFL draft following his junior year.

The talent at cornerback is deep. With defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews' policy of frequent substitution, it is also experienced. At left cornerback, sophomore Corey Sawyer is backed up by senior Tommy Henry. In the right corner, sophomore Clifton Abraham is splendidly supported by junior Corey Fuller.

Senior returning starters Leon Fowler and John Davis line up at free safety and strong safety respectively. Junior Richard Coes and senior Levon Brown, part-time starters in '91, will spell Fowler and Davis in the deep zones.

With junior All-American Marvin Jones (6–2, 220) in the lineup, Florida State is more than well stocked at linebacker. "If you evaluate the three positions together, we are way ahead of where we have been in my time here," says linebackers coach Wally Burnham.

Jones is backed at strong-side linebacker by sophomore Kevin Adams (6–1, 222). Junior Ken Alexander (6–3, 240) starts at weak-side linebacker, supported by Alonzo Horner (6–5, 245), a junior college All-American. *USA TODAY*'s prep Defensive Player of the Year two seasons ago, sophomore Derrick Brooks (6–1, 210), is challenged by sophomore Chris Cowart (6–3, 227) for the bandit linebacker spot.

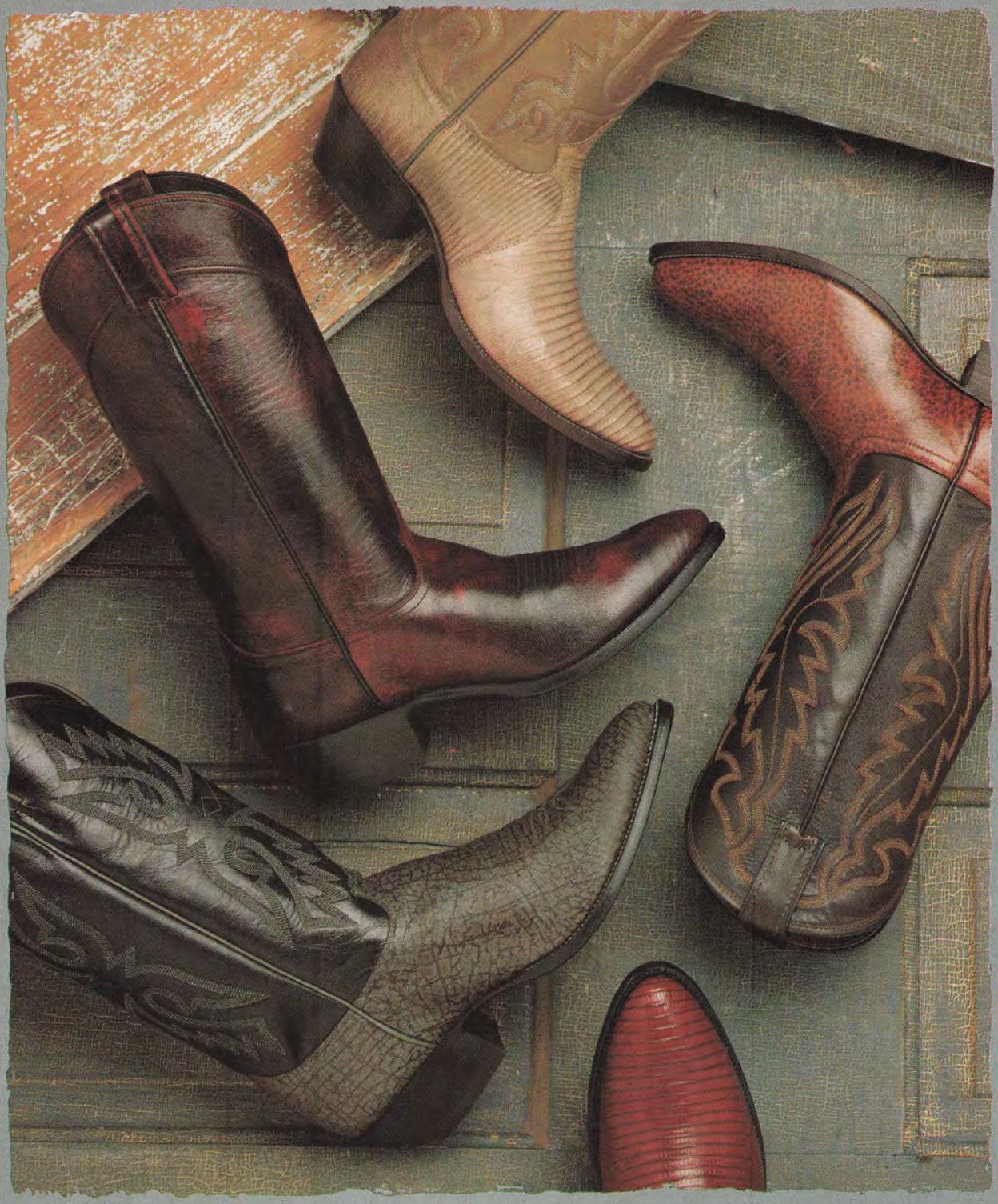
It's a smart corps, too. Alexander, Adams and Brooks were 3.7 or better students in high school.

Burnham expects Jones to have a super season. "He's at one level and the others are at another," says the coach. "He gets his pads under blockers and makes plays that are unbelievable."

Pretty clearly, however, the "other guys" are at a level quite above the average. It's just that Jones is far superior.

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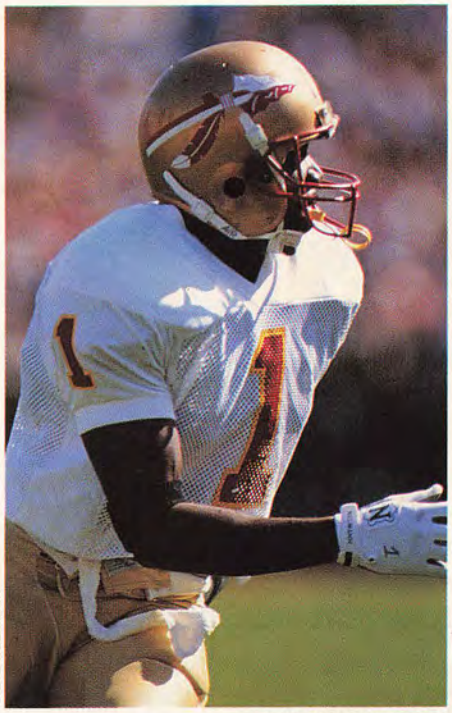
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MARVIN JONES (55) AND REGGIE FREEMAN (97)

"We have more talent than we have ever had upfront," says Andrews. "Yep, we could be better. The talent level could allow it to be."

Seniors Dan Footman (6–5, 272) and Carl Simpson (6–2, 275), and junior college star Kelly Rush (6–6, 270) are at tackle. Footman often seems one of the most dominating defenders the Seminoles have ever had, but he's been dogged by injury. Simpson is a sensational pass rusher who had 11 sacks a year ago, including three on Miami's Gino Torretta.

Sterling Palmer (6–7, 252) is a junior defensive end who appears ready to fulfill the enormous potential predicted when he was one of the land's most sought-after prep players. With him is a hard-working and dependable senior, Reggie Freeman (6–1, 237).

Junior nose guard Todd McIntosh (6–3, 268) is a superior pass rusher who lined up at tackle last year. Against Michigan he had a sack and two tackles for loss, and scored on a 49-yard interception return.

"I feel pretty good about our defense," says Bowden. "Mickey Andrews has settled into an outstanding scheme where he uses a lot of players. There must be 25 guys on that side of the ball who have game experience."

Once again punters and placekickers seem a little shaky. There are experienced candidates but no great record of consistency. Gerry Thomas was a sophomore last year, and he did well indeed—but it was his boot, barely wide right, that cost Florida State a victory over Miami. John Wimberly is a senior punter plagued by problems throughout his time. Bowden hopes this is the year of no problems.

"We've just got to have more consistency in our kicking," says Bowden.

The schedule looks less prohibitive. No longer are there back-to-back games against Miami and Florida, as there were last year. The Seminoles meet the former on Oct. 3, the latter Nov. 28.

For the first time, Florida State takes on an Atlantic Coast Conference schedule that includes back-to-back games at Clemson and North Carolina State. Historically, the Seminoles have gone 22–8–2 against ACC foes, not counting 0–7–1 versus Georgia Tech in long-ago days before Tech entered the ACC.

"You had better not underestimate the ACC," cautions Bowden. "Don't forget, they had a national champion (Georgia Tech) in 1990."

Surely, college football would be well advised not to underestimate Florida State, either. ■

Adversity, thy name is Tulane. Whether it's senior cornerback Rod McDowell or new coach Buddy Teevens, both of whom have known family heartache; or whether it's the Tulane football program, which has enjoyed only nine winning seasons since 1950 and none since 1981 (6–5).

Since Henry Frnka departed following the 1951 campaign, 10 straight Green Wave coaches have produced non-winning records.

McDowell is one of 16 returning starters from last year's 1–10 outfit. But their record must have seemed unimportant compared to McDowell's personal adversity.

On consecutive days in March of 1991, McDowell learned (1) that his 6-month-old son was suffering from Severe Combined Immune Deficiency Syndrome, a rare disorder, and needed a bone marrow transplant—without the transplant, Little Rod would either have had to live his life in sterile isolation or would have died within a year—and (2) that his best friend had been shot to death in Riviera Beach, Fla.

"Rod was in a lot of pain," recalls senior defensive lineman Reggie Mack, McDowell's roommate. "He went into a depression and didn't come out of his room for two days."

McDowell withdrew from school just before the start of spring practice and returned home to provide his son with the needed transplant. Doctors removed two ounces of marrow from McDowell's pelvic bone and gave it to Little Rod through a tube in his chest. It was six weeks later before the youngster could be discharged.

"It was a rough time," McDowell says, "but the Lord made me realize not to take things for granted and to be thankful for what you have."

To regain his eligibility last fall, McDowell had to pass 16 hours of summer school. In the first week of the summer session, while lifting weights, he developed a hernia that cost him eight valuable weeks of conditioning. And in late summer, Little Rod was hospitalized again for a week with an ear infection.

"I wasn't in very good shape (when fall drills began)," McDowell says. "During two-a-days, I was so tired I didn't think I could go on. I really had to push myself but sometimes my body wouldn't let me."

McDowell, who started all 11 games in 1990 at outside linebacker, earned a starting cornerback spot by the opening game of '91. And although he missed three games with an ankle injury, he finished ninth on the team with 52 tackles and was second with a pair of interceptions.

The 35-year-old Teevens, who was named to succeed Greg Davis as Tulane's head coach in early December, was 23 when his father died of a heart attack. With eight younger brothers and sisters, Teevens, who had recently graduated from Dartmouth, suddenly became the man of the house.

Now you have to understand that there are probably scores of football coaches who think they could have won more games at Alabama than the 103 victories Bear Bryant's teams achieved in the 1970s. Teevens, who doesn't lack for confidence, may even be one of them.

Since Frnka compiled a mark of 31–23–4 at Tulane from 1946-51, the Green Wave has gone through Raymond Wolf (two years, 6–13–1), Andy Pilney (eight years, 25–49–6), Tommy O'Boyle (four years, 6–33–1), Jim Pittman (five years, 21–30–1), Bennie Ellender (five years, 27–29–0), Larry Smith (four years, 18–27–0), Vince Gibson (three years, 17–17–0), Wally English (two years, 5–17–0), Mack Brown (three years, 11–23–0) and Davis (four years, 14–31–0).

"It was a rough time," McDowell says, "but the Lord made me realize not to take things for granted and to be thankful for what you have."

Teevens is the 36th head coach in Tulane's 98-year football history. During the past five years he was 26–22–2 at Dartmouth, including Ivy League championships the last two years. Before that, he was head coach at Maine for two years, leading the Black Bears to consecutive winning seasons for the first time in 21 years. And before that, he was an assistant at Division III DePauw and I-AA Boston University.

But even a downtrodden Tulane program is a huge step from the Division I-AA Yankee Conference and Ivy League. It makes one wonder what kind of education Teevens received at Dartmouth when wide receiver Wilbert Ursin says, "He's not waiting to rebuild for three or four years. He has the attitude that we're going to win (this) year."

"That's ours as a team, too," adds McDowell.

Since Fritz Crisler, who left Princeton for Michigan following the 1937 season, no former Ivy League coach has had a great deal of success at a major program. For example, Bob Blackman was 104–37–3 at Dartmouth between 1955-70, then went 29–36–1 during his six years at Illinois.



MICHAEL HEBERT

Green Wave cornerback Rod McDowell comes down hard on those who invade his area of responsibility.

In an interview with *The Times-Picayune* the day of his appointment, Teevens was asked why he thought he would be different. This was his reply: "Because coaching is coaching. I was told going from the Yankee Conference to the Ivy League that it would be different, but it's the same. The kids are the same. They're motivated by the same things. Their work ethic is the same. I heard the same things when I went from Division III to Division I-AA. Maybe the size and skill level of the athletes change, but their dedication to do the things necessary to be successful at each level is the same."

Ah, size and skill level. Tulane's may be better than Dartmouth's and Maine's, but the Green Wave is competing against the LSUs and Florida States and Alabamas of college football's real world.

Teevens listed his goals as "to pursue a bowl berth and beat LSU," adding: "It's a challenge because of the schedule that's played. You have to recruit well-qualified student-athletes because of the academic challenge. That didn't bother me a whole lot because we recruited nationwide at Dartmouth. Also, you can turn those qualities into a positive because of the challenge that Tulane presents.

"I've always been able to motivate young men, trying to get them to be the best they can be. I've been in programs before that were not successful and helped to change them around. It's a matter of identifying those people who can help you win and getting them in your program.

"I'm sure that a lot of people will ask why I'm doing this with Tulane's track record and background," Teevens continued. "But people have said that about every move I've made. My feeling is that if you put your mind to it and find other people that believe in what you're doing, that you can succeed."

Teevens begins his tenure with 45 lettermen and eight starters on each side of the ball from a year ago, plus senior wide receiver Jerry Ursin and senior running back Terrance Strickland, who were starters in 1990 but sat out last year because of academics and injury respectively.

Teevens has installed a wide-open attack offensively and switched from Davis' 4–3 to a 50 defense. Even before the spring, junior Reggie Davis (6–0, 291) was moved from a starting offensive guard spot to the newly created nose guard position.

The list of returning starters on offense includes junior wide receiver Wilbert Ursin, Jerry's cousin, who ranked among the top 10 in the nation last year with 70 receptions for 989 yards and nine touchdowns, and senior running back Chance Miller, who led the Green Wave with 580 yards, down from 805 in 1990, and can become the second Tulane runner to eclipse 2,000 yards for his career. Believe it or not, Tulane has had only one single-season 1,000-yard rusher—Eddie Price in 1948 and 1949.

Part-time starter Billy Duncan, a junior, returns at quarterback but faces a challenge from junior college transfer Shawn Meadows.

Other returning offensive starters are senior wide receiver Steve Ballard, senior running back Harold Dennis, junior tight end Beau Harvey (6–2, 238), junior center Mitch Tinsley (6–2, 260) and junior tackle Brant Byrd (6–3, 255).

The new starters on the offensive line should be sophomore tackle Erik Bruce (6–3, 248), senior guard Eric Fillmore (6–2, 300) and junior guard Robert Bodine (6–2, 280).

On defense, the cast of returning starters includes safeties Mike Staid, a sophomore who led the team with 108 tackles and three interceptions as a 1991 rookie, and senior Mark Thornhill, a three-year starter. McDowell and junior Brandon Hamilton are back at the corners.

Senior Darren McGowan (6–5, 254), who led the team with eight tackles for loss and four sacks, returns at end. Junior Michael Batiste (6–3, 277), who had six stops behind the line of scrimmage as the other starting end in '91, is now at tackle.

Other holdover defensive regulars are sophomore end Jeff Dean (6–1, 201) and junior linebacker Shane Wiegand (6–1, 230). Redshirt freshman Brad Hignight (6–3, 209) will team with Wiegand at linebacker.

The interior line was wiped out, leaving Mack (6–1, 287) as the only returnee who started a game last year. Mack will join Batiste at tackle with Davis at nose guard.

Both kicking specialists return—junior Chip Clark, the first Tulane punter in nine years to average at least 40 yards a kick, and senior placekicker Gary Butler.

The schedule is a strange one, starting with three road games followed by five home games and then three more on the road. Oh, well, Tulane is a basketball school, isn't it? ■

SOUTHEASTERN BLUE CHIPPERS

By BILL BUCHALTER
The Orlando Sentinel

A scatback who looks and runs like Marquette Smith and a defensive back who plays like Deion Sanders are the high school seniors who highlight the Elite Fifty of 1992 in Southeastern states.

Amel Jackson (5-7, 175) of Marietta, Ga., the Smith play-alike, warmed up for his senior season by scoring 38 touchdowns. Like Smith, Jackson is a powerful, squatty runner who knows how to find the end zone and totaled 1,780 yards rushing.

Jammi German (6-2, 175) of Fort Myers, Fla., is the Sanders clone. German, a defensive back, is the most exciting talent to play in southwest Florida since Sanders. Like Sanders, he is a three-sport standout in high school.

Willie Anderson (6-6, 310) of Mobile (Ala.) Vigor is the most physically imposing talent on the Elite Fifty. Thad Busby (6-3, 200) of Pace, Fla., starts his senior campaign as the No. 1 quarterback on the Southeastern prep scene.

Jackson, German, Anderson and Busby are top athletes on the Elite Fifty and will be intensely recruited.

Other recruiting plums include the following: tight end Jessie McCorvey (6-3, 230) of Theodore, Ala.; offensive lineman Freeman Brown (6-7, 300) of Miami (Fla.) Carol City and Will Friend (6-4, 270) of Philadelphia (Miss.) Neshoba Central; defensive linemen Billy Beron (6-4, 260) of Metairie (La.) Rummel and Mercedes Hamilton (6-4, 275) of Waynesboro (Ga.) Burke County; and linebackers Darryl Bush (6-3, 215) of Altamonte Springs (Fla.) Lake Brantley and Melvin Dansby (6-4, 235) of Birmingham (Ala.) Ensley.

As usual, the state of Florida is loaded with prospects. They include two dozen linebackers or defensive ends. Some, like Orlando Maynard Evans' Kennard Lang (6-4, 230), Apopka's Terry Scott (6-6, 245) and Jimmy Musselwhite (6-4, 230), Lake Howell's Trevor Pryce (6-6, 235) and Dade City Pasco's Taras Ross (6-3, 230), may outgrow the position.

Alabama's linebackers, led by Dansby, include Marcellus Mostella (6-4, 205) of Gadsden, James Bias (6-4, 210) of Livingston and Tom Pappas (6-2, 225) of Hueytown.

Louisiana is talent-rich in linebackers and defensive ends, among whom are Colby McCollough (6-3, 238) of Marrero Archbishop Shaw and his teammate Mike Phillips (6-4, 220), and Tim Hutton (6-5, 220) of Slidell.

Georgia's crop of runners are deep and quick. Joining Jackson are David Glisson (6-1, 190) of Savannah Calvary Baptist, Corey Bridges (5-7, 165) of Newnan and Felix Lindsey (6-1, 195) of Cochran Bleckley County. Glisson is from the same small school district that produced the best Georgia runner of them all, Herschel Walker. Even standout quarterback Derrick Steagall (6-2, 195) of Newnan is a running specialist. ■

Southeastern Elite Fifty

Top high school seniors of 1992

QUARTERBACKS			
Thad Busby	6-3	200	Pace, Fla.
Derrick Steagall	6-2	195	Newnan, Ga.
Mike Bobo	6-2	195	Thomasville, Ga.
RUNNING BACKS			
Amel Jackson	5-7	175	Marietta, Ga.
Marc Renaud	5-11	175	Deerfield Beach, Fla.
Tyrone Baker	5-9	175	Gainesville (Fla.) Buchholz
Kevin Franklin	5-10	175	Baton Rouge (La.) Catholic
Corry Adams	6-0	222	Little Rock (Ark.) Central
Curtis Alexander	6-1	195	Memphis (Tenn.) Whitehaven
Nathan Perryman	5-10	165	Columbia, S.C.
Eric Booth	6-1	190	Bassfield, Miss.
David Glisson	6-1	190	Savannah (Ga.) Calvary Baptist
Corey Bridges	5-9	165	Newnan, Ga.
T.J. Johnson	5-10	180	Atlanta (Ga.) Lakeside
WIDE RECEIVERS			
Nigea Carter	6-2	180	Coconut Creek, Fla.
Demetria Shelton	6-1	170	Jasper (Ala.) Walker
TIGHT ENDS			
Jessie McCorvey	6-3	230	Theodore, Ala.
Todd Stevenson	6-5	255	Atlanta (Ga.) Lakeside
Rhodney Williams	6-6	240	Palatka, Fla.
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN			
Willie Anderson	6-6	310	Mobile (Ala.) Vigor
Freeman Brown	6-7	300	Miami (Fla.) Carol City
Will Friend	6-4	270	Philadelphia (Miss.) Neshoba Central
Chris Jordan	6-4	280	Jackson, Ala.
Kerlin Blaise	6-5	295	Orlando (Fla.) Maynard Evans
Kevin Long	6-5	230	Summerville, S.C.
Brad Lampley	6-5	248	Louisville (Ky.) Trinity
Don Streubing	6-3	240	Springdale, Ark.
Elijah Brown	6-4	275	Jacksonville (Fla.) University Christian
J.D. Reed	6-3	245	Springfield (Ky.) Washington County
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN			
Billy Beron	6-4	260	Metairie (La.) Rummel
Mercedes Hamilton	6-4	275	Waynesboro (Ga.) Burke County
Eric Dotson	6-4	270	Pascagoula, Miss.
Julian Pittman	6-5	250	Niceville, Fla.
Toby Nutt	6-4	245	Fordyce, Ark.
Keith Drayton	6-3	285	Fort Myers, Fla.
LINEBACKERS			
James Burgess	6-0	220	Homestead, Fla.
Melvin Dansby	6-4	235	Birmingham (Ala.) Ensley
Darryl Bush	6-3	215	Altamonte Springs (Fla.) Lake Brantley
Kennard Lang	6-4	230	Orlando (Fla.) Maynard Evans
Fernando Davis	6-2	222	Aberdeen, Miss.
Jason Walters	6-4	225	Memphis (Tenn.) Christian Brothers
J.J. Brown	6-4	225	Chesterfield, S.C.
Terry Scott	6-6	245	Apopka, Fla.
Reggie Byrd	6-4	210	Panama City (Fla.) Rutherford
Derrick Gibson	6-3	215	Haines City, Fla.
Colby McCollough	6-3	238	Marrero (La.) Archbishop Shaw
DEFENSIVE BACKS			
Jammi German	6-2	175	Fort Myers, Fla.
James Colzie	5-11	165	South Miami, Fla.
Warrick Dunn	5-11	175	Baton Rouge (La.) Catholic
Byron Capers	6-1	180	Marietta (Ga.) Wheeler

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Dennis Erickson, entering his fourth season as Miami's football coach with two national championships and a record there of 33–3, erased any doubts that he could maintain the excellence of the Hurricane program a long time ago. Miami, a member of the Big East Conference, owns the longest winning streak in Division I: 18 games.

The Hurricanes featured one of the nation's toughest defenses in 1991, yielding only 9.1 points (first) and 288.7 yards per game (14th). Their offense tallied an equally impressive 441.3 yards per game (15th). Fourteen starters return from the national championship team.

Erickson, a Montana State graduate, has compiled a 10-year record of 83–34–1 at Idaho, Wyoming, Washington State and Miami.

Play 1: Host Miami is pinned on its own 2-yard line following the opening kickoff by Syracuse.

(a) Deep pass to flanker.
(b) Short pass to tight end.
(c) Fullback up the middle.

Play 2: Near the end of the second quarter, Miami trails 9–7, struggling against an aggressive Syracuse defense. It's third and 10 for the Hurricanes on the Orangemen's 35-yard line.

(a) Short pass to set up field goal.
(b) Deep pass to end zone.
(c) Sweep to weak side.

Play 3: Midway in the third period, the Hurricanes, behind 16–10, face a fourth-and-two situation on the Syracuse 30.

(a) Field-goal attempt.
(b) Quarterback draw.
(c) Fullback up the middle.

Play 4: With 8:00 left in the fourth period, the score remains 16–10. Miami has the ball on its 15. It's second and 20 following a penalty and a sack.

(a) Gadget play.
(b) Screen pass to tailback.
(c) Long pass to flanker.

Play 5: Trailing 19–17 and with no timeouts left, Miami has possession on the Syracuse 30. The 'Canes' first-unit kicker was injured on an earlier play. It's third down and seven seconds remain.

(a) Field-goal try.
(b) Short, quick pass to sideline.
(c) Pass into end zone.

Under the direction of coach R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M football fortunes look bright despite a 10–2 loss to Florida State in the Mobil Cotton Bowl.

Slocum enters his fourth season as Aggie head man with a 27–9–1 record. Last year's squad showcased a powerful defense that yielded a meager 222.4 yards per game (first nationally) and 13.1 points (eighth). A&M finished 10–2, the other loss coming at the hands of Tulsa.

Although quarterback Bucky Richardson graduated, the Aggies are loaded with young talent. The coach is excited.

Play 6: Playing before a hostile sellout crowd in Austin against archrival Texas, A&M is scrambling to establish its composure. Down 10–0 late in the first quarter, the Aggies need a big play. It's third and eight on their 30.

(a) Deep pass to wide receiver.
(b) Sideline pass to flanker.
(c) Run the option.

Play 7: Following a rally, Texas A&M, still trailing 10–7, is moving downfield. The second-period drive stalls, however, on the Longhorns' 25-yard line. It's fourth and less than a yard with three minutes left until halftime.

(a) Field-goal try.
(b) Give to fullback off tackle.
(c) Quarterback sneak.

Play 8: With the score 10–10 late in the third quarter, the Aggies have the ball on their own 20. It's first and 10.

(a) Reverse.
(b) Sweep to strong side.
(c) Intermediate pass to tight end.

Play 9: With 5:40 left in the fourth quarter and Texas ahead 13–10, Texas A&M has possession at the Longhorns' 30. It's third and 18 following an illegal procedure penalty.

(a) Give to tailback behind fullback.
(b) Screen pass to tailback.
(c) Quick pass to tight end over the middle.

Play 10: Still down 13–10, A&M is on Texas' 2-yard line. There are 30 seconds remaining. It's fourth down.

(a) Kick field goal to tie.
(b) Running play to win.

To learn which plays Coach Erickson and Coach Slocum called, fill out the inserted card and drop it in the mail. You will receive the answers in the free Crown Royal handbook with complete schedules and weekly previews on key major college and pro games. If eight or more of your answers match the coaches', you'll receive a coaching cap from Crown Royal. The offer is good until August 25, 1992. Void where prohibited by law.

GRANTED, THE NCAA WAS APPALLED

By FRED RUSSELL
Nashville Banner

Among the thousands and thousands of young men and women now obtaining a college education on an athletic scholarship, my hunch is that few if any of them ever give a thought as to how this free ride came about.

The deviser and implementer of the grant-in-aid was the late Dr. John J. Tigert, who at the time was president of the University of Florida and also head of the Southeastern Conference, which he had helped to organize in December 1932. Its member schools were Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Louisiana State, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Sewanee, Tennessee, Tulane and Vanderbilt.

Son and grandson of Methodist bishops, Dr. Tigert had been an All-Southern fullback at Vanderbilt in 1903. Later, chosen the state of Tennessee's first Rhodes Scholar, he returned from Oxford University in England to become professor of philosophy and psychology at the University of Kentucky, at the same time serving as head football coach there for two years. After becoming United States Commissioner of Education, he was named president of the University of Florida in 1928.

Dr. Tigert abhorred the hypocrisy involved in the recruiting and under-the-table subsidization of college athletes. Shortly after the end of World War II, he convinced his Southeastern Conference colleagues that a bold experiment was needed. A plan was instituted which provided tuition, room, board and books to an agreed-upon number of athletes.

Prior to the open scholarship, athletes in the SEC and in many other conferences had to sign sworn statements that they were receiving no financial help of any kind. Such falsehoods were winked at. Dr. Tigert was willing to crusade for honesty and realism.

"In the awarding of Rhodes Scholarships, consideration is given to athletic accomplishments," he reasoned at the time. "Yet, nobody ever has charged that our Rhodes Scholars were commercialized athletes when they competed on the track or rowing team at Oxford.

"I believe that athletics are a part of the true college education program. They teach what cannot be learned in the classroom."

Although expecting some unfavorable reaction in other parts of the country, Dr. Tigert was astonished at the abuse directed toward him and the SEC.



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA ARCHIVES

John Tigert invented the grant-in-aid.

At the 1946 annual meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association in New York City, the chairman of the convention, Prof. Karl Leib of the University of Iowa, served notice on all institutions which admitted to a form of legalized recruiting of athletes that they must abide by NCAA regulations or be blackballed.

"The pressure can become so severe on these 'outlaws' that they will eventually conform to our behavior pattern or be frozen out of polite football society," Prof. Leib said. "We have a powerful weapon in the boycott. We can refuse to schedule games with schools which recruit players by offering financial inducements."

The NCAA adopted a fresh set of principles, seeking to strengthen anew the amateur ideal. It was to become known as the Sanity Code. Those not agreeing to adhere were to be dropped from membership.

Less courageous men not firm in their convictions might have knuckled under, especially after considering the NCAA's control of basketball tournaments, track and swimming meets, and its strong tie-in with the Olympic Games. But the SEC aggressively sought converts to its policy, meanwhile fighting a delaying action within the NCAA. It found a respected ally in the University of Virginia.

With its able, eloquent director of athletics, Capt. Norton Pritchett, as its spokesman, Virginia announced it would not comply with that provision of the NCAA code which required an athlete to hold a job if he received financial aid.

"Our university has no employment program for athletes," Pritchett said. "We want a workable, realistic system wherein an athlete is paid enough money to cover his expenses so that he can devote his time to study and athletics."

Finally, in a bitter fight on the NCAA convention floor at Dallas in 1951, the Sanity Code was defeated. Today every major conference in the United States, with the exception of the Ivy League, gives athletic scholarships exactly like or quite similar to the type devised by pioneer John Tigert, who in 1970 was inducted posthumously into the National Football Hall of Fame. During his last years as University of Florida president emeritus, prior to his death in 1965, Dr. Tigert understandably derived considerable satisfaction from the wide acceptance of what had been regarded as a drastic proposal. He relished any report about grant-in-aid holders who, following their college careers, developed into outstanding professional or business successes.

However, according to his son, John Tigert V, the ultimate compliment Dr. Tigert experienced in the athletic world occurred at that unforgettable game in 1921 in which little Centre College from Danville, Ky., upset Harvard 6–0.

"My father," said the younger Tigert, "was the head linesman, and in the last minute of the game he called an offside penalty on Harvard at Centre's 4-yard line. That deeply disturbed my dad, and afterward he lingered in the officials' dressing room with referee Tiny Maxwell, worrying about being from Kentucky at that time and thinking about Harvard not having lost a game in five years.

"A knock came on the officials' door. It was the Harvard athletic director, Major Mitchell. He congratulated my father on the accuracy and honesty of the decision and right there invited him to officiate in the Harvard-Centre game the next year." ■

NATIONAL RECRUITING

By TAYLOR BELL
Chicago Sun-Times

As far as recruiting was concerned, the 1991 football season was purely academic.

Too many blue chippers didn't make the grade. They scored on the field but flunked in the classroom.

And recruiting analyst Tom Lemming warns it may be a signal of danger ahead.

According to Lemming, 12 of the Top 101 senior prospects in the nation didn't meet Proposition 48 requirements and weren't eligible to accept athletic scholarships.

Even worse, Lemming reports, under new NCAA academic standards that take effect in 1995, 61 of the Top 101 would not have qualified by the February signing date.

"This was a worse year for academics than any in recent memory," Lemming says. "A lot of kids had poor grades. I don't think it is a trend, just a bad academic class. But academics still is a problem. If it happens next year and the year after . . . well, then there will be something to worry about."

Especially in the Southeast. The region that includes Florida, Georgia, Alabama and North and South Carolina is by far the most productive area in the nation for football talent. Of the Top 101, the Southeastern Conference signed 25 compared to 16 by the Big Ten and 13 by the Pac-10.

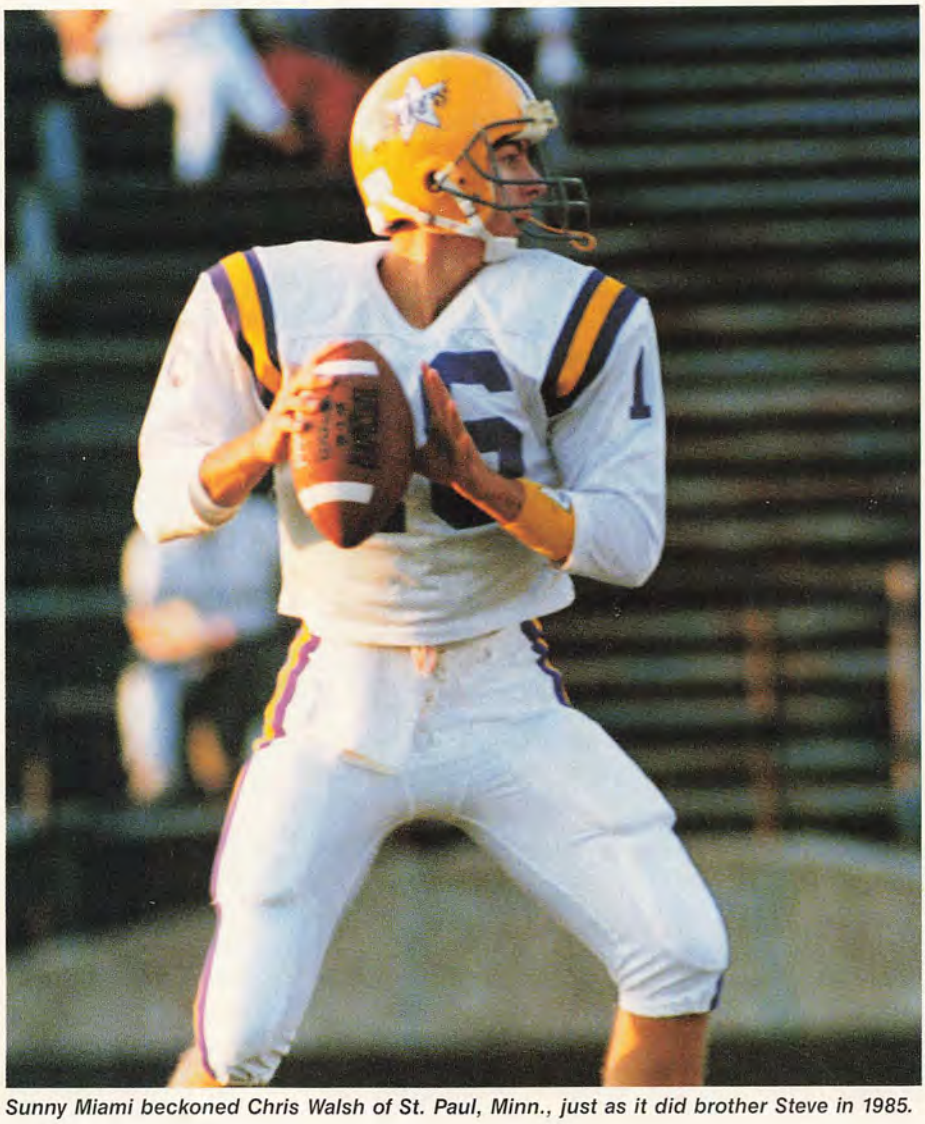
"But the scary thing is that the Southeast is the home of a lot of non-qualifiers," Lemming says. "If some of them had good grades, the SEC would have signed as many as 35 of the Top 101."

Meanwhile, the list included several positives:

- It proved that Notre Dame signed the best freshman class in the nation. Coach Lou Holtz and his staff landed 10 of the Top 101. No other school inked more than five.
- It was an excellent year for quarterbacks, with 20 rated among the Top 101. In fact, four of the six best prospects on Lemming's list are quarterbacks.
- Lemming says running back Steve Davis of Spartanburg, S.C., the nation's No. 1 player, "would rank among the top three players in any class of the last 10 years." Davis signed with Auburn but may be a non-qualifier.
- It confirmed that recruiting has become more competitive than ever, that more and more colleges are expanding recruiting bases to include both coasts, that there is a growing market and rising pay scale for recruiting coordinators.

But the outlook isn't all peaches and cream.

"While it was a good year for quarterbacks and linemen, overall it was just an average, not an above-average, year," Lemming says. "The freshman class lacks the superstars of the past. It isn't a deep class for talent. The season will be known for quarterbacks and the low number of quality running backs who were academic qualifiers, the lowest in years."



CRETIN-DERHAM HALL HIGH SCHOOL

Sunny Miami beckoned Chris Walsh of St. Paul, Minn., just as it did brother Steve in 1985.

Most of the Top 101 established their reputations as juniors, then played up to expectations as seniors. However, three players saved their best for last. They were quarterback Shea Morenz of San Angelo, Texas, running back Leeland McElroy of Beaumont, Texas, and offensive lineman Jon Ogden of Washington, D.C.

Morenz wasn't ranked among the top 10 quarterbacks in Texas in the preseason. As a junior, he was not widely known. But he emerged as the No. 2 player in the country in his senior year, passing for 3,365 yards and 41 touchdowns. After moving from Illinois to Texas in December, Longhorn coach John Mackovic took one look at Morenz's film and immediately set out to lure him away from UCLA and Stanford.

McElroy wasn't ranked among the top five ball carriers in Texas during the preseason. Now he is one of the top three in the nation, along with Davis and Sterling Boyd (Georgia) of Sherman, Texas. Last fall, McElroy rushed for 1,532 yards and 21 touchdowns. He picked Texas A&M over UCLA, Houston and LSU.

Ogden was known for his size (6–9, 320) but his footspeed was questioned. However, he improved his quickness as a senior. Ranked at the bottom of a preseason list of the top 30 offensive linemen in the nation, Ogden was recognized as one of the top three in February. He signed with UCLA.

Besides Davis and Morenz, the best prospects at their positions are defensive back Tamarick Vanover (Florida State) of Tallahassee, Fla.; defensive lineman Anthony Jones (Notre Dame) of Oak Lawn, Ill.; linebacker Scott Freeney (Syracuse) of Athens, Ga.; offensive lineman Korey Stringer (Ohio State) of Warren, Ohio; wide receiver Amani Toomer (Michigan) of Concord, Calif.; and tight end David LaFleur (LSU) of Westlake, La.

LEMMING'S TOP 101

	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	College
1.	Steve Davis	rb	6-2	218	Spartanburg, S.C.	Auburn
2.	Shea Morenz	qb	6-2	200	San Angelo, Texas	Texas
3.	Tommie Frazier	qb	6-0	192	Bradenton, Fla.	Nebraska
4.	Chris Walsh	qb	6-3	180	St. Paul, Minn.	Miami (Fla.)
5.	Tamarick Vanover	db	6-1	185	Tallahassee, Fla.	Florida State
6.	Corey Pullig	qb	6-3	205	Deer Park, Texas	Texas A&M
7.	Anthony Jones	dl	6-5	250	Oak Lawn, Ill.	Notre Dame
8.	Scott Freeney	lb	6-4	240	Athens, Ga.	Syracuse
9.	Korey Stringer	ol	6-4	290	Warren, Ohio	Ohio State
10.	Amani Toomer	wr	6-3	180	Concord, Calif.	Michigan
11.	Leeland McElroy	rb	5-10	185	Beaumont, Texas	Texas A&M
12.	Lawyer Milloy	db	6-2	180	Tacoma, Wash.	Washington
13.	David LaFleur	te	6-6	265	Westlake, La.	LSU
14.	Sterling Boyd	rb	5-11	180	Sherman, Texas	Georgia
15.	Jeff Buckey	ol	6-5	280	Bakersfield, Calif.	Stanford
16.	Marcus Jones	dl	6-6	245	Jacksonville, N.C.	North Carolina
17.	Rashaan Salaam	rb	6-1	192	La Jolla, Calif.	Colorado
18.	Dan Kanell	qb	6-5	200	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Florida State
19.	Pete Chryplewicz	te	6-5	235	Sterling Heights, Mich.	Notre Dame
20.	Greg Jones	lb	6-5	215	Denver, Colo.	Colorado
21.	Bobby Taylor	db	6-4	185	Longview, Texas	Notre Dame
22.	Shawn Collins	lb	6-3	208	Paterson, N.J.	Michigan
23.	Henri Crockett	lb	6-3	235	Pompano Beach, Fla.	Florida State
24.	Jon Ogden	ol	6-9	320	Washington, D.C.	UCLA
25.	Kendrick Burton	dl	6-6	280	Hartselle, Ala.	Alabama
26.	Reggie Green	ol	6-8	297	Bradenton, Fla.	Florida
27.	Brian Magee	db	5-11	195	Largo, Fla.	Notre Dame
28.	Robert Davis	rb	5-11	180	Homewood, Ala.	LSU
29.	LaRoi Glover	dl	6-2	275	San Diego, Calif.	San Diego State
30.	Ryan Driscoll	qb	6-4	200	Marion, Iowa	Iowa
31.	Leon Johnson	db	6-2	190	Morgantown, N.C.	North Carolina
32.	Steve Taneyhill	qb	6-4	205	Altoona, Pa.	South Carolina
33.	Adam Meadows	te	6-6	247	Powder Springs, Ga.	Georgia
34.	Jamie Vandervelt	dl	6-4	250	Waukesha, Wis.	Wisconsin
35.	Stephen Holman	rb	5-11	220	Indianapolis, Ind.	Michigan State
36.	Marcus Long	ol	6-4	285	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Florida State
37.	Eric Boykin	qb	6-3	200	Dayton, Ohio	Michigan
38.	Daymon Carter	rb	6-2	200	Henderson, Ky.	Kentucky
39.	Mercury Hayes	wr	5-11	180	Houston, Texas	Michigan
40.	Mike McCullough	dl	6-3	270	Chaska, Minn.	Notre Dame
41.	Eddie Kennison	wr	6-1	175	Lake Charles, La.	LSU
42.	Dwayne Chandler	rb	6-0	210	Aberdeen, Miss.	Oklahoma
43.	Chuck Clements	qb	6-3	180	Huntsville, Texas	Houston
44.	Chris Naeole	ol	6-4	290	Kahuku, Hawaii	Colorado
45.	John Browning	dl	6-5	245	North Miami, Fla.	West Virginia
46.	Wally Richardson	qb	6-4	200	Sumter, S.C.	Penn State
47.	Leon Wallace	te	6-5	245	Euless, Texas	Notre Dame
48.	Randall Godfrey	lb	6-3	215	Valdosta, Ga.	Georgia
49.	Abdul McCullough	db	6-0	198	Oceanside, Calif.	UCLA
50.	Ronnie Smith	lb	6-1	230	Athens, Ga.	South Carolina
51.	Bernard Randolph	lb	6-4	245	Pendleton, S.C.	Clemson
52.	Will Lyell	ol	6-5	260	Brandon, Miss.	Notre Dame
53.	James Gillyard	lb	6-3	215	Shreveport, La.	LSU
54.	Jeff Craig	ol	6-6	300	Connellsville, Pa.	Pittsburgh
55.	Jayson Gwinn	lb	6-4	230	Columbus, Ohio	Ohio State
56.	Matt Johnson	te	6-6	250	Davis, Calif.	California
57.	Jamie Howard	qb	6-2	195	Lafayette, La.	LSU
58.	Tony Davis	rb	5-11	195	Chipley, Fla.	Florida
59.	Scott Hammond	db	6-3	185	San Diego, Calif.	San Diego State
60.	Todd Helton	qb	6-3	185	Knoxville, Tenn.	Tennessee
61.	Jeff Frazier	rb	6-3	210	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Oklahoma
62.	Rod Payne	ol	6-4	280	Miami, Fla.	Michigan
63.	Paul Shoemaker	qb	6-1	195	Longmont, Colo.	Brigham Young
64.	Juan Daniels	wr	6-2	185	Norcross, Ga.	Georgia
65.	David Dotson	rb	5-10	190	Moreno Valley, Calif.	USC
66.	Michael McDaniel	wr	6-2	210	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Oklahoma
67.	Dexter Daniels	lb	6-2	220	Valdosta, Ga.	Florida
68.	Shawn Walters	rb	6-1	220	Arlington, Texas	USC
69.	Ron Nealy	db	5-11	175	Concordville, Pa.	South Carolina
70.	Chad Davis	qb	6-2	185	San Diego, Calif.	Oklahoma
71.	Dwayne Sanders	dl	6-6	240	Los Angeles, Calif.	Washington State
72.	Mark Hartsell	qb	6-4	205	Brockton, Mass.	Boston College
73.	Mike Adams	wr	6-0	175	Arlington, Texas	Texas
74.	Clinton Childs	rb	6-0	198	Omaha, Neb.	Nebraska
75.	Cameron Davis	dl	6-4	230	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Florida
76.	Alton Maiden	lb	6-3	245	Dallas, Texas	Notre Dame
77.	Tom Ford	rb	6-1	208	Peoria, Ariz.	UCLA
78.	Mike McFarlane	rb	6-2	230	Westwood, Mass.	Iowa
79.	Chris Franklin	lb	6-3	220	Bamberg, S.C.	Clemson
80.	Monty Means	wr	6-3	182	Union, S.C.	South Carolina
81.	Leland Taylor	dl	6-4	265	Fairdale, Ky.	Tennessee
82.	Danny Wuerffel	qb	6-2	195	Fort Walton Beach, Fla.	Florida
83.	Brent Guyton	lb	6-2	215	Columbia, Md.	UCLA
84.	Rodney Hudson	qb	6-1	175	La Grange, Ga.	Mississippi State
85.	Toderick Malone	wr	5-11	165	Attalla, Ala.	Alabama
86.	Ryan Fien	qb	6-4	197	Simi Valley, Calif.	UCLA
87.	Derrick Mayes	wr	6-2	190	Indianapolis, Ind.	Notre Dame
88.	Ian Davis	ol	6-6	260	Pekin, Ill.	Iowa
89.	Richard Brooks	db	6-2	205	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Georgia Tech
90.	Carlos Jones	db	5-11	170	Marrero, La.	Miami (Fla.)
91.	Eric Moss	dl	6-3	275	Belle, W. Va.	Ohio State
92.	Koy Detmer	qb	6-1	165	Mission, Texas	Colorado
93.	Scott Fields	rb	6-3	205	La Puente, Calif.	USC
94.	Thad Swazer	lb	6-3	230	Denver, Colo.	Colorado
95.	Ceaser O'Neal	dl	6-7	296	Huntsville, Texas	Miami (Fla.)
96.	Lovell Pinkney	wr	6-5	205	Washington, D.C.	Texas
97.	Ed Morrow	lb	6-4	225	Florissant, Mo.	Nebraska
98.	Jerry Wunsch	ol	6-6	300	Wausau, Wis.	Wisconsin
99.	Kwame Ellis	rb	5-10	175	Oakland, Calif.	Stanford
100.	David Quist	dl	6-4	235	Boulder, Colo.	Notre Dame
101.	Scott Weaver	qb	6-3	190	Beaver Falls, Pa.	Illinois

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QUARTERBACKS

Lester Anderson	6-5	215	East St. Louis, Ill.	Michigan State
Billy Blanton	6-1	190	Santa Ana, Calif.	San Diego State
Cody Danaher	6-1	190	Corpus Christi, Texas	Texas
Chris Dittoe	6-6	205	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Indiana
Eric Gray	6-3	200	Houston, Texas	Baylor
Willie Gonzalez	6-3	200	Miami, Fla.	Georgia Tech
Ziv Gottlieb	6-2	190	Beverly Hills, Calif.	California
Paul Head	6-2	195	Vestavia Hills, Ala.	Mississippi
Troy Kent	6-1	195	Oldsmar, Fla.	Stanford
Max Knake	6-2	190	McKinney, Texas	TCU
Barry Lunney	6-2	182	Fort Smith, Ark.	Arkansas
Kevin Lyles	6-3	220	Indianapolis, Ind.	Wisconsin
Dexter McCleon	6-0	185	Meridian, Miss.	Clemson
Rob Nogay	6-2	185	New Castle, Pa.	Pittsburgh
Gary Porter	6-2	190	Tomball, Texas	Oklahoma State
Ben Rutz	6-1	180	Putnam City, Okla.	Nebraska
Anthony Sanders	6-2	188	Tucson, Ariz.	Arizona
Kenny Simon	5-11	180	Biloxi, Miss.	Vanderbilt
Brian Smith	6-3	195	Spartanburg, S.C.	Georgia
Wade Smith	6-2	190	Garland, Texas	Notre Dame
Jeff Speedy	6-2	185	Franklin, Tenn.	Kentucky
Ted Stark	6-5	195	Medford, Ore.	Washington
Rick Trefzger	6-2	185	Mentor, Ohio	Purdue
Ike Wilson	5-11	175	Marrero, La.	Mississippi State
Glenn Winship	6-0	185	San Antonio, Texas	Northwestern

RUNNING BACKS

Darrington Abnar	6-1	225	Sarasota, Fla.	Georgia
Larry Bowie	6-1	195	Anniston, Ala.	Georgia
Nathan Campbell	5-10	185	Houston, Texas	Colorado
Cliff Deese	5-8	180	Houston, Texas	Vanderbilt
Tony DeSue	6-0	187	Virginia Beach, Va.	Clemson
Danyell Ferguson	6-0	190	Miami, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
Jeff Godley	5-11	195	Arlington, Texas	TCU
Lonzell Gowdy	6-0	205	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Southern Mississippi
Anthony Holmes	5-11	185	San Antonio, Texas	Texas
Chris Hopkins	6-0	175	Tucson, Ariz.	Arizona State
Brandell Jackson	5-11	200	Brenham, Texas	Baylor
Carlos King	6-3	205	Jonesville, N.C.	North Carolina St.
Omar Love	6-1	180	Rialto, Calif.	Nevada-Las Vegas
Travis McGuire	5-11	185	Massillon, Ohio	Ohio State
Mike Minter	5-11	175	Lawton, Okla.	Nebraska
Dwayne Mobley	5-11	210	Brooksville, Fla.	Florida
Artie Moore	5-8	180	Wiggins, Miss.	LSU
Chris Moore	5-11	190	East St. Louis, Ill.	Illinois
Kevin Sellers	5-10	200	Chicago, Ill.	Purdue
Sharmon Shah	5-11	180	Los Angeles, Calif.	UCLA
Milt Shaw	5-9	180	Tarboro, N.C.	Clemson
Al Shipman	5-10	175	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
Nilo Silvan	5-10	170	Covington, La.	Tennessee
Detron Smith	6-0	225	Dallas, Texas	Texas A&M
Justice Smith	5-10	180	Amsterdam, N.Y.	Boston College
Lamonte Stil	5-11	175	Virginia Beach, Va.	Virginia
Robert Toomer	5-11	210	Sylvester, Ga.	LSU
Joe Troupe	5-10	185	Tampa, Fla.	South Carolina
Eddie Wallace	5-9	190	Spring, Texas	Texas A&M
Kenyetta Williams	5-11	190	St. Louis, Mo.	Indiana
Charles Winters	5-11	190	Detroit, Mich.	Michigan

WIDE RECEIVERS

Eric Anderson	5-11	185	Humble, Texas	Houston
Jermaine Chambers	6-2	180	Homestead, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
Ray Farmer	6-3	220	Kernersville, N.C.	Duke
Quincy Harrison	5-11	180	Las Vegas, Nev.	USC
Wade Inge	6-1	175	Pine Hill, N.J.	Maryland
Danny McCray	6-0	185	Killeen, Texas	Texas A&M
Kaipo McGuire	5-10	175	Honolulu, Hawaii	Brigham Young
P.J. Mills	6-1	185	Enid, Okla.	Oklahoma
Freddie Scott	6-0	175	Detroit, Mich.	Penn State
Jason Shelly	6-1	180	Vallejo, Calif.	Washington
Lou Shepherd	6-1	180	Blue Springs, Mo.	Missouri
Michael Tillman	6-1	175	Steubenville, Ohio	Ohio State
Euell Wilson	6-2	180	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Indiana

TIGHT ENDS	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	College
John Church	6-4	230	Fort Myers, Fla.	Florida
Gerard Daphnis	6-3	220	Miami, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
Terry Davis	6-4	235	Columbus, Ga.	Florida State
Luke Fickell	6-4	235	Columbus, Ohio	Ohio State
Damon Jones	6-5	220	Evanston, Ill.	Michigan
Stirling Luckey	6-4	210	Harvey, Ill.	Oklahoma
Keith Olsommer	6-4	230	N. Pocono, Pa.	Penn State
Curtis Turner	6-5	210	Scott City, Kan.	Kansas State

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN				
Frank Bjoring	6-7	275	Tabb, Va.	Virginia
James Darby	6-3	310	Streamwood, Ill.	Wisconsin
Harold Goodwin	6-4	275	Hopkins, S.C.	Michigan
Thomas Guynes	6-4	285	Kankakee, Ill.	Michigan
Erik Herrling	6-6	280	Lake Oswego, Ore.	Stanford
Heath Irwin	6-4	260	Boulder, Colo.	Colorado
Bryan Jurewicz	6-5	245	Deerfield, Ill.	Wisconsin
Adam Kane	6-5	250	Mishawaka, Ind.	Notre Dame
Marcus Malepeai	6-4	290	Honolulu, Hawaii	Hawaii
Tasi Malepeai	6-2	330	Honolulu, Hawaii	Oregon
Pete Marczyk	6-3	275	Absecon, N.J.	Penn State
John Michaelidis	6-5	295	Linwood, N.J.	Syracuse
Dan Neil	6-3	270	Houston, Texas	Texas
Boris Oden	6-4	270	Atlanta, Ga.	Penn State
Jeremy Pennington	6-3	265	Vernon, Ala.	Alabama
Juan Porter	6-5	310	Cleveland, Ohio	Ohio State
Juan Roque	6-8	260	Ontario, Calif.	Arizona State
Orpheus Roy	6-4	280	Miami Springs, Fla.	Florida State
William Scott	6-5	290	Chicago, Ill.	Cincinnati
Cliff Stroud	6-4	250	Natrona Heights, Pa.	Notre Dame
Barry Tielsch	6-4	290	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Penn State
Joe Wells	6-4	270	Arroyo Grande, Calif.	Washington
Quincy Wynn	6-6	290	Chesapeake, Va.	Pittsburgh
Dusty Ziegler	6-6	240	Springfield, Ga.	Notre Dame

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN				
Ervin Briley	6-3	240	Aldine, Texas	Texas A&M
Chester Ford	6-0	240	Danville, Ky.	Tennessee
Paul Grasmanis	6-3	255	Jenison, Mich.	Notre Dame
Cedric Jones	6-4	235	Houston, Texas	Oklahoma
D.J. Jones	6-5	250	Lebanon, Ohio	Ohio State
Tony Law	6-3	280	South Florence, S.C.	South Carolina
Brian Linder	6-4	235	Bridge City, Texas	Texas
James Manley	6-4	280	Birmingham, Ala.	Vanderbilt
Steve Martin	6-5	270	Jefferson City, Mo.	Missouri
Robert Miller	6-5	275	Hattiesburg, Miss.	LSU
Harvey Pennypacker	6-5	235	Boyertown, Pa.	Syracuse
Andre Purvis	6-5	262	Jacksonville, N.C.	North Carolina
Walter Rouse	6-4	270	Cordele, Ga.	Georgia
Kyle Smith	6-6	250	Torrington, Wyo.	Colorado
Connell Spain	6-2	280	Melbourne, Fla.	Florida State
Rod Spiller	6-3	225	St. Louis, Mo.	Wisconsin
Rudy Stinson	6-3	300	Powell, Tenn.	Tennessee
Cedric White	6-3	260	Los Angeles, Calif.	Washington

LINEBACKERS				
James Bates	6-2	215	Sevierville, Tenn.	Florida
Jim Brady	6-5	205	Arlington, Texas	Texas A&M
Derek Burnette	6-2	220	Columbus, Ga.	Clemson
Jason Chavis	6-2	225	McKeesport, Pa.	Pittsburgh
Matt Christopher	6-3	225	Uniontown, Ohio	Ohio State
Jarrett Irons	6-3	215	Conroe, Texas	Michigan
Thomas Knight	6-4	225	Memphis, Tenn.	Notre Dame
Jon McGee	6-3	225	Tucson, Ariz.	USC
Justin Morabito	6-1	225	Bethlehem, Pa.	Stanford
William Morris	6-2	235	Chicago, Ill.	Illinois
Matt Russell	6-2	235	Belleville, Ill.	Colorado
Twan Russell	6-2	200	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
Lorenzo Styles	6-3	225	Farrell, Pa.	Ohio State
Greg Tellam	6-4	215	Tucson, Ariz.	USC
Bill Wagasy	6-3	235	Springfield, Mo.	Notre Dame
Ronnie Ward	6-3	210	St. Louis, Mo.	Kansas

DEFENSIVE BACKS				
Larry Bush	6-0	190	Ada, Okla.	Oklahoma
Tracy Cantlope	5-10	175	Dothan, Ala.	Arkansas
Dan Colson	6-0	180	Middletown, Ohio	Ohio State
Chris Gibson	6-0	180	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
Jack Hallmon	5-11	180	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
Sean Hamlet	6-2	185	Hampton, Va.	Florida State
Maurice Henriques	6-1	185	Houston, Texas	Colorado
Tom Knight	6-0	185	Marlton, N.J.	Iowa
Ty Law	6-0	185	Aliquippa, Pa.	Michigan
Jason Parker	6-0	185	North Garland, Texas	Tennessee
Shawn Summers	5-10	180	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	Tennessee
Denard Walker	6-2	190	South Garland, Texas	USC
Armon Williams	6-2	185	Tempe, Ariz.	Arizona
Sherrod Wyatt	6-3	185	Dallas, Texas	Texas A&M

Top 25 Recruiting Classes

1. Notre Dame
2. Miami (Fla.)
3. Colorado
4. Florida State
5. Florida
6. Ohio State
7. Michigan
8. Texas A&M
9. LSU
10. Tennessee
11. Oklahoma
12. Clemson
13. Georgia
14. Southern Cal
15. Nebraska
16. Wisconsin
17. Penn State
18. Syracuse
19. Mississippi State
20. Vanderbilt
21. Arkansas
22. South Carolina
23. UCLA
24. Texas
25. Alabama



Oklahoma did fine under Bud Wilkinson: 47 straight wins . . .



until Notre Dame's Irish carried the day—and coach Terry Brennan.

SOONER OR LATER

By MIKE BABCOCK
The Lincoln Journal-Star

Ask someone outside the state of Oklahoma what the University of Oklahoma's record football winning streak is, and you probably won't get the correct answer.

"No one can remember the number," says Tommy McDonald, a two-time Sooner All-America halfback during that era. "But ask people if they know what team ended the streak, and they'll say, 'Sure, Notre Dame.' They don't even have to think about it. Everybody remembers the team that knocked off Oklahoma."

McDonald says that Bud Wilkinson, Oklahoma's head coach between 1947-63, would tell his team in the dressing room before each game as the record mounted, "Nobody is going to remember how many in a row you win, just who beat you."

Wilkinson told the Sooners that opponents had an inherent incentive that had to be counteracted: receiving recognition as the team that broke their string of victories. It stood at 47 before ending on Nov. 16, 1957, at Owen Field in Norman, Okla.

Oklahoma's opponents never lacked extra incentive. "So, as we continued to win, we had to find something, we had to reach down for motivation," says McDonald, a freshman in 1953 when the streak began.

Oklahoma faced an emotional Notre Dame team that chilly, overcast afternoon in 1957. The year before, the Sooners had defeated Notre Dame 40–0 in South Bend, the first time the Fighting Irish had been shut out at home since 1940 and their worst defeat, home or away, since a 59–0 loss against Army in New York City's Yankee Stadium in 1944.

Notre Dame drew further inspiration from that week's issue of *Sports Illustrated*. The magazine featured a cover story headlined: "Why Oklahoma Is Unbeatable."

Emotion couldn't have carried the day, though. Oklahoma, which had scored in a record 123 consecutive games (the ongoing record is 238 by UCLA), was too good for that to be enough.

The Fighting Irish, coming off back-to-back defeats by Navy (20–6) and Michigan State (34–6), were three-touchdown underdogs. But they were so well-prepared by coach Terry Brennan and his staff that Oklahoma managed only 98 yards rushing and 47 yards passing. The Sooners' deepest penetration—to Notre Dame's 13-yard line—came on their first possession.

"We knew everything they were going to do," Notre Dame quarterback Bob Williams said afterward. "We should have won by three touchdowns."

The Irish won the game 7–0 on a 3-yard, fourth-down run by halfback Dick Lynch with 3:50 remaining. Notre Dame, which had been stopped twice by goal-line stands, drove 80 yards on 20 plays to score.

Williams called every play during the march. At halftime, Brennan had decided that his team would go for a touchdown rather than a field goal in a fourth-down situation, even one like Notre Dame faced late in the game, because of Oklahoma's explosive offense. And Oklahoma came back. Williams intercepted an end-zone pass to end the Sooners' hopes of tying or winning.

On Oklahoma's earlier goal-line stands, one of which turned back Notre Dame less than a yard from the end zone, the Irish had attacked

the middle. So Oklahoma's defense lined up tight, expecting fullback Nick Pietrosante to get the ball. Instead, Williams faked to Pietrosante inside, then pitched to Lynch, who ran around the right side. Right end Monty Stickles sealed off the Oklahoma end on his side, and Pietrosante, following the play closely, cut down cornerback Carl Dodd at the sideline just before Lynch crossed. Stickles added the extra point.

"I believe I could have gone 95 yards on the play if we had been at the other end of the field," Lynch said.

The key to victory, however, was Notre Dame's defense.

"We prepared for them in detail," Brennan said. "We didn't have a lot of speed, and we tried to be as basic as possible. There were only four or five plays, and if you stopped them, you had a chance to win. The big thing was stopping their running game."

After the game, Wilkinson predicted that a record of consecutive wins like his 1953-57 teams had put together was a thing of the past. "In fact, there won't be very many teams going through a season undefeated," he said. "The leveling process is here. There are no more super teams that can go 10 Saturdays a season and win. With material more equally distributed, any team will be capable of getting up for the one big game it's after."

Wilkinson was right, although his attitude toward the winning streak has changed over the years. The 76-year-old Wilkinson, semiretired and living in St. Louis, says, "Conditions aren't favorable to its being broken, but every record I've ever known to exist has been broken. So I would assume that one will be, too."

The second-longest winning streak since the end of World War II was 35 games by the University of Toledo between 1969-71. Of the 50 winning streaks of 20 or more games, only 12 were fashioned in the past quarter of a century, and eight of those were 25 games or fewer.

Texas won 30 successive games from 1968 to 1970 under coach Darrell Royal, Oklahoma All-America quarterback in 1949. Notre Dame also ended the Longhorns' winning streak, defeating them 24–11 in the 1971 Cotton Bowl game.

Royal says compiling long winning streaks is "like walking through a thunderstorm and never getting wet. We had to be awfully lucky a few times."

Texas' 23rd straight victory was an example. The Longhorns trailed UCLA in the closing seconds at Austin 17–13. They had the ball at the UCLA 45-yard line, third and 19, with no timeouts left.

"There was no way," Royal says. But Texas quarterback Eddie Phillips found one, passing to Charles Speyrer for a touchdown. The UCLA defensive back should have tackled Speyrer, but he went for an interception.

"He misjudged the ball," says Royal. "He just had to make the tackle and the streak would have been over. Things like that have to happen to keep it going."

Winning streaks were more common when the college game was young. Yale produced two of 37 games each between 1887-89 and 1890-93. Both were snapped by Princeton, 10–0 and 6–0. During that seven-year span, Yale won 86 games and lost three.

The second-longest run of wins and the most consecutive games without a loss were achieved by Washington between 1907-17: 39 (1908-14) and 63 respectively.

Longer and harder schedules, more bowl games and at least a semblance of parity make a

Notre Dame's Dick Lynch heads for the Oklahoma goal line, freed by Nick Pietrosante's block—end of streak.



lengthy string of victories all but impossible in modern times. The longest series of wins put together in the past decade were 25 by Brigham Young from 1983-1985 and 23 by Notre Dame in 1988-89.

Oklahoma played 10-game regular-season schedules and made only two bowl appearances during the five seasons it was winning 47 straight. The then-Big Seven Conference had a rule that prohibited teams from making back-to-back bowl appearances.

Nebraska Athletic Director Bob Devaney, who coached the Cornhuskers to national championships and 23 consecutive victories in 1970-71, says bowl games make long streaks particularly difficult.

"When you're playing in a bowl, it's a 50-50 proposition because bowl committees always try to get evenly matched teams," Devaney says.

McDonald, who went on to a successful career with the Philadelphia Eagles and has been equally successful as a portrait artist, says: "Guys from the Big Ten and the (then-) Pac-8 with the Eagles would say, 'No wonder you never lost. You never played anybody. If you had played a Michigan State or a Southern Cal, you'd have gotten hung out to dry.' They got a big kick out of razzing me."

However, schedules weren't the reason for Oklahoma's dominance of college football in the 1950s. During McDonald's three varsity seasons (1954-56), the Sooners were 31-0. Fifteen of those wins (and 22 of the 47 in all) were shutouts.

"Everybody talked about our offense, but we were one heck of a defensive team, too," McDonald says.

Among Sooner All-Americans during the mid-1950s were J.D. Roberts, Max Boydston, Kurt Burris, Bo Bolinger, Ed Gray, Jerry Tubbs, Bill Krisher, Bob Harrison, Clendon Thomas and McDonald. All were from Texas or Oklahoma except McDonald.

"I was about the only 'foreigner,' " says McDonald, from Albuquerque, N.M.

Wilkinson had talented players, but talent alone doesn't ensure the kind of success his Oklahoma teams of the 1950s enjoyed. "All those teams had a common circumstance," Wilkinson says. "They were never overconfident about any opponent at any time. Coupled with that, they were at their best every time (they played). That's what characterized those teams. Streaks don't really mean much. They just happen as a result of what I've just said."

The Sooners' success was a result of talent and the coaching genius of Wilkinson, whom Royal still refers to as "Coach."

"Coach Wilkinson was an excellent teacher," says Royal. "He always kept things simple, and he explained them in such a way that everybody understood what he was saying. He didn't have long, drawn-out meetings because he never said anything more than once. He didn't have to repeat himself. He was organized."

McDonald says: "Coach Wilkinson was a little ahead of his time. He was so innovative and he had charisma. He was born with an extra sense that set him apart.

"Why did the Green Bay Packers have a dynasty? Because Vince Lombardi was a great X's and O's man but also because he had a tremendous personality. Wilkinson was like that."

Can you name the last team to defeat Oklahoma before the record streak began?

"Nobody remembers that, either," says McDonald.

It was Notre Dame.

And can anyone recall the last team to beat Miami, which owns an 18-game streak, longest in Division I today?

Notre Dame. ■

LONGEST WINNING STREAKS

Wins	Team	Years	Ended by	Score
47	Oklahoma	1953-57	Notre Dame	7–0
39	Washington	1908-14	Oregon	0–0
37	Yale	1890-93	Princeton	6–0
37	Yale	1887-89	Princeton	10–0
35	Toledo	1969-71	Tampa	21–0
34	Pennsylvania	1894-96	Lafayette	6–4
31	Oklahoma	1948-50	Kentucky	*13–7
31	Pittsburgh	1914-18	Cleveland Naval Reserve	10–9
31	Pennsylvania	1896-98	Harvard	10–0
30	Texas	1968-70	Notre Dame	*24–11
29	Michigan	1901-03	Minnesota	6–6
28	Alabama	1978-80	Mississippi State	6–3
28	Oklahoma	1973-75	Kansas	23–3
28	Michigan State	1950-53	Purdue	6–0
27	Nebraska	1901-04	Colorado	6–0
26	Cornell	1921-24	Williams	14–7
26	Michigan	1903-05	Chicago	2–0
25	Brigham Young	1983-85	UCLA	27–24
25	Michigan	1946-49	Army	21–7
25	Army	1944-46	Notre Dame	0–0
25	Southern California	1931-33	Oregon State	0–0
24	Princeton	1949-52	Pennsylvania	13–7
24	Minnesota	1903-05	Wisconsin	16–12
24	Yale	1894-95	Boston AC	0–0
24	Harvard	1890-91	Yale	10–0
24	Yale	1882-84	Princeton	0–0
23	Notre Dame	1988-89	Miami (Fla.)	27–10
23	Nebraska	1970-71	UCLA	20–17
23	Penn State	1968-70	Colorado	41–13
23	Tennessee	1937-39	Southern California	*14–0
23	Harvard	1901-02	Yale	23–0
22	Nebraska	1982-83	Miami (Fla.)	*31–30
22	Ohio State	1967-69	Michigan	24–12
22	Arkansas	1963-65	Louisiana State	*14–7
22	Harvard	1912-14	Penn State	13–13
22	Yale	1904-06	Princeton	0–0
21	Arizona State	1969-71	Oregon State	24–18
21	San Diego State	1968-70	Long Beach State	27–11
21	Notre Dame	1946-48	Southern California	14–14
21	Minnesota	1933-36	Northwestern	6–0
21	Colorado	1908-12	Colorado State	21–0
21	Pennsylvania	1903-05	Lafayette	6–6
21	Yale	1900-01	Army	5–5
21	Harvard	1898-99	Yale	0–0
20	Oklahoma	1986-87	Miami (Fla.)	*20–14
20	Tennessee	1950-51	Maryland	*28–13
20	Notre Dame	1929-31	Northwestern	0–0
20	Alabama	1924-26	Stanford	*7–7
20	Iowa	1920-23	Illinois	9–6
20	Notre Dame	1919-21	Iowa	10–7

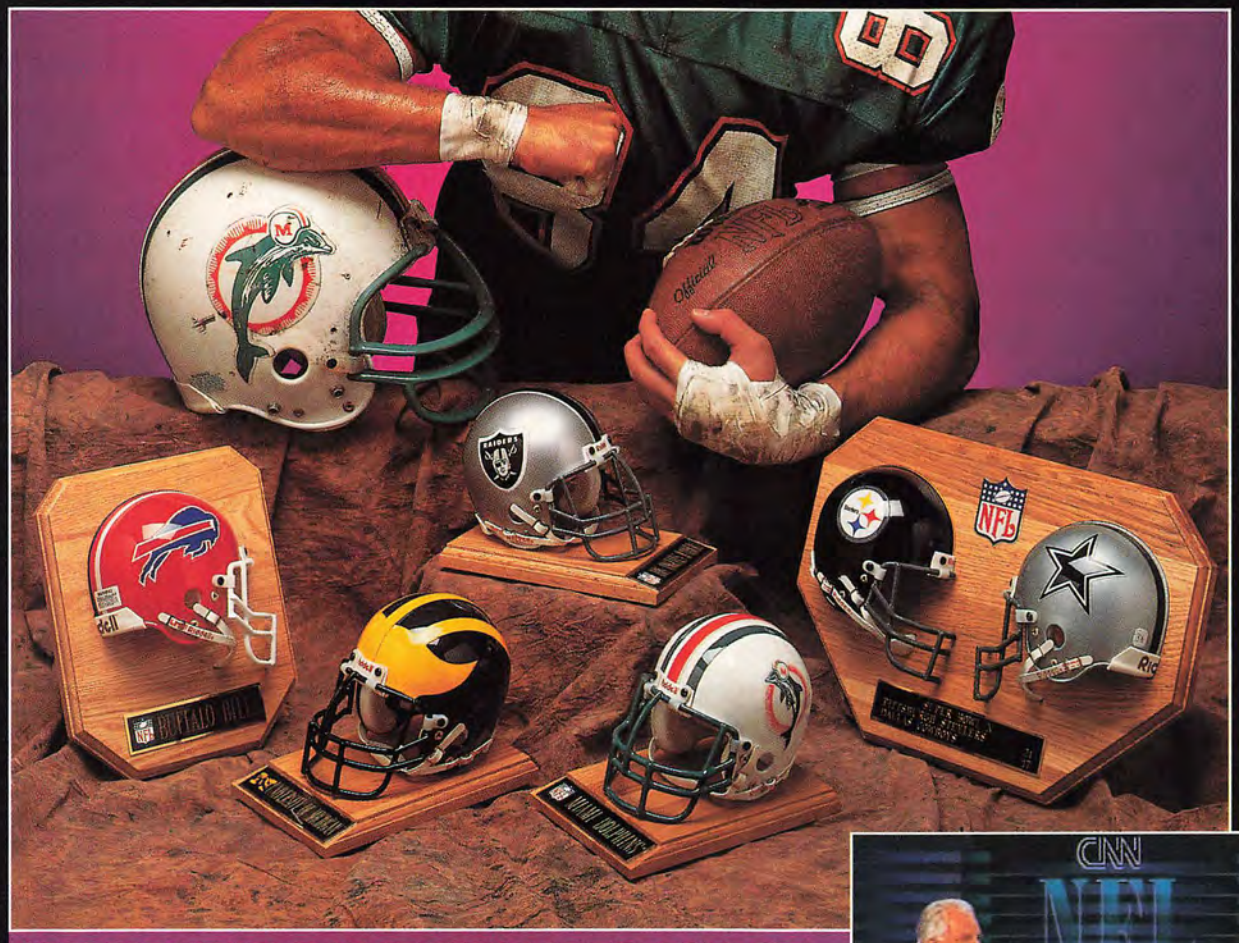
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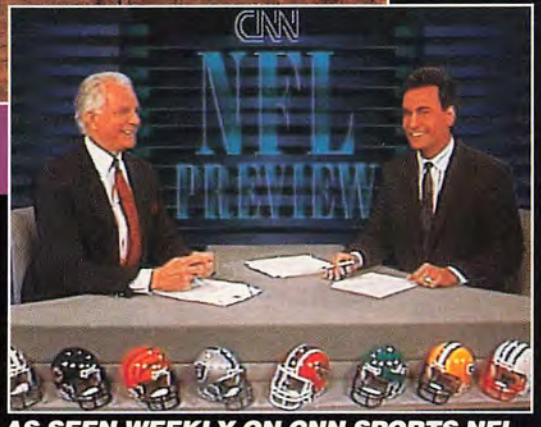
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By TAYLOR BELL
Chicago Sun-Times

Horace Greeley was wrong. Football recruiters should go South, not West.

According to a survey of the top 50 high school football prospects in the United States for 1992, Florida has produced seven; Pennsylvania and Texas, six each; Alabama, five; California, four; and Georgia and Ohio, three each.

Recruiting analyst Tom Lemming of Chicago, who made the selections for *Athlon*, says Willie Anderson (6–6, 310) of Mobile (Ala.) Vigor is the nation's best offensive lineman; Eric Dotson (6–4, 270) of Pascagoula, Miss., the best defensive lineman; Jessie McCorvey (6–3, 230) of Theodore, Ala., the best tight end; Jammi German (6–2, 175) of Fort Myers, Fla., the best defensive back; and Dion Marion (6–0, 185) of Killeen, Texas, and James Allen (6–1, 200) of Wynnewood, Okla., the best running backs.

Other players who rate among the best in the nation are quarterbacks Ron Powlus (6–4, 205) of Berwick, Pa., Scott Frost (6–3, 200) of Wood River, Neb., and Jeff Hecklinski (6–4, 200) of Palatine, Ill.; wide receiver Carl McCullough (6–3, 200) of St. Paul (Minn.) Cretin-Derham Hall; offensive lineman Eric Chandler (6–8, 325) of Indianapolis (Ind.) Lawrence North; and running back Mike Mitchell (6–1, 200) of Phoenix (Ariz.) Brophy Prep.

Powlus is being touted as perhaps the best quarterback ever to come out of Pennsylvania, in a class with Joe Namath, Joe Montana, Jim Kelly and Dan Marino, who played high school football there. An honor student and a two-time all-stater on teams that won 22 of 25 games, Powlus has passed for nearly 4,300 yards and 33 touchdowns. He also has rushed for 1,007 yards and 25 touchdowns.

"NFL scouts say he has a million-dollar release, something you can't coach," Berwick coach George Curry says.

Frost plays for his father at a small school with an enrollment of only 200 students. But Frost has made a name for himself in Nebraska. In the last two years, he has passed for more than 3,400 yards and 33 touchdowns for 8–3 and 10–2 teams. In three years, he has accounted for more than 7,400 yards in total offense, more than 4,700 passing. Frost also has placed in the state track meet in three events and was all-state honorable mention in basketball. His dream, his father says, is to play for Notre Dame.

There is nothing small about Anderson, a two-time all-stater who, Vigor coach Harold Clark says, is "the best lineman I've coached in 29 years." How big is Anderson?

"He wears a size 20 shoe," Clark says. "I believe that is a record. We had a pair of 17s but they were too small. We advertised on the radio but we couldn't find any shoes that big. We called colleges but they didn't have any size 20s. We had two pairs specially made for $250. It took half a cow." ■

Lemming's National Elite Fifty

Top high school seniors of 1992

Player	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown, School
QUARTERBACKS			
Thad Busby	6–3	200	Pace, Fla.
Scott Frost	6–3	200	Wood River, Neb.
Jeff Hecklinski	6–4	200	Palatine, Ill.
Stanley Jackson	6–3	210	Paterson (N.J.) Catholic
Ron Powlus	6–4	205	Berwick, Pa.
RUNNING BACKS			
James Allen	6–1	200	Wynnewood, Okla.
Chris Dickerson	6–2	210	Concordville (Pa.) Glen Mills
Marc Edwards	6–2	210	Norwood, Ohio
Juan Gaddy	5–10	175	Easton, Pa.
Amel Jackson	5–7	175	Marietta, Ga.
Randy Kinder	6–1	180	East Lansing, Mich.
Dion Marion	6–0	185	Killeen, Texas
Mike Mitchell	6–1	200	Phoenix (Ariz.) Brophy Prep
WIDE RECEIVERS			
Joe Jurevicius	6–5	210	Mentor Lake (Ohio) Catholic
Maurice McBane	6–4	205	Burlington (N.C.) Cummings
Carl McCullough	6–3	200	St. Paul (Minn.) Cretin-Derham Hall
TIGHT ENDS			
Jessie McCorvey	6–3	230	Theodore, Ala.
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN			
Willie Anderson	6–6	310	Mobile (Ala.) Vigor
Freeman Brown	6–7	300	Miami (Fla.) Carol City
Eric Chandler	6–8	325	Indianapolis (Ind.) Lawrence North
Will Friend	6–4	270	Philadelphia (Miss.) Neshoba Central
Chris Jordan	6–4	280	Jackson, Ala.
Robert Kasparek	6–4	270	Deerfield, Ill.
Chris Kurpeikis	6–6	280	Pittsburgh (Pa.) Central Catholic
Frank Middleton	6–4	275	Beaumont (Texas) Westbrook
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN			
Eric Anderson	6–4	275	Lincoln (Neb.) Southeast
Billy Beron	6–4	260	Metairie (La.) Rummel
William Carr	6–2	260	Dallas (Texas) Carter
Eric Dotson	6–4	270	Pascagoula, Miss.
Germaine Gray	6–5	240	Rialto (Calif.) Eisenhower
Mercedes Hamilton	6–4	275	Waynesboro (Ga.) Burke County
Travis Kirschke	6–4	235	Anaheim (Calif.) Esperanza
John Pittman	6–5	250	Niceville, Fla.
Bruce Thompson	6–4	275	Fort Worth (Texas) Wyatt
LINEBACKERS			
Greg Bell	6–3	220	Austin (Texas) Reagan
James Burgess	6–0	220	Homestead, Fla.
Darryl Bush	6–3	215	Altamonte Spgs. (Fla.) Lake Brantley
Melvin Dansby	6–4	235	Birmingham (Ala.) Ensley
Fernando Davis	6–2	222	Aberdeen, Miss.
Kennard Lang	6–4	230	Orlando (Fla.) Evans
Dulayne Morgan	6–5	215	Elizabeth, N.J.
Tyrell Peters	6–2	205	Norman, Okla.
Jon Ritchie	6–3	230	Mechanicsburg (Pa.) Cumberland Valley
Rob Sweet	6–3	230	Doylestown (Pa.) Central Bucks West
Jason Walters	6–4	225	Memphis (Tenn.) Christian Brothers
Allen Wilbon	6–2	215	Dallas (Texas) Kimball
DEFENSIVE BACKS			
Will Blackwell	6–0	175	Oakland (Calif.) Skyline
Jammi German	6–2	175	Fort Myers, Fla.
Dan Haukenbracht	6–3	185	Massillon (Ohio) Washington
Bryant Westbrook	6–1	185	Oceanside (Calif.) El Camino



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O. 31 DUKE*
N. 7 BAYLOR
N. 14 WAKE FOREST*
N. 28 GEORGIA

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(2–9)
S. 5 VIRGINIA
S. 12 N.C. STATE*
S. 19 WEST VIRGINIA
S. 26 PENN STATE
O. 3 PITTSBURGH*
O. 10 GEORGIA TECH*
O. 17 WAKE FOREST*
O. 24 DUKE
N. 31 NORTH CAROLINA*
N. 7 FLORIDA STATE
N. 14 CLEMSON*

NORTH CAROLINA
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(7–4)
S. 5 WAKE FOREST
S. 12 FURMAN*
S. 19 ARMY*
S. 26 N.C. STATE*
O. 3 NAVY*
O. 10 FLORIDA STATE
O. 17 VIRGINIA*
O. 24 GEORGIA TECH*
O. 31 MARYLAND
N. 7 CLEMSON
N. 21 DUKE

N. C. STATE
RALEIGH, N.C.
(9–3)
S. 5 APPALACHIAN ST.*
S. 12 MARYLAND
S. 19 FLORIDA ST.*
S. 26 NORTH CAROLINA
O. 3 GEORGIA TECH
O. 10 TEXAS TECH*
O. 17 VIRGINIA TECH
O. 24 CLEMSON*
N. 7 VIRGINIA
N. 14 DUKE*
N. 21 WAKE FOREST*

VIRGINIA
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.
(8–3–1)
S. 5 MARYLAND*
S. 12 NAVY
S. 19 GEORGIA TECH*
S. 26 DUKE
O. 3 WAKE FOREST
O. 10 CLEMSON*
O. 17 NORTH CAROLINA
O. 24 WM. & MARY*
O. 31 FLORIDA STATE*
N. 7 N.C. STATE*
N. 21 VIRGINIA TECH

WAKE FOREST
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.
(3–8)
S. 5 NORTH CAROLINA*
S. 12 APPALACHIAN ST.*
S. 26 FLORIDA STATE
O. 3 VIRGINIA*
O. 10 VANDERBILT
O. 17 MARYLAND
O. 24 ARMY*
O. 31 CLEMSON*
N. 7 DUKE
N. 14 GEORGIA TECH
N. 21 N.C. STATE

BIG EAST

BOSTON COLLEGE
CHESTNUT HILL, MASS.
(4–7)
S. 5 RUTGERS*
S. 12 NORTHWESTERN*
S. 19 NAVY*
S. 26 MICHIGAN STATE*
O. 10 WEST VIRGINIA
O. 17 PENN STATE
O. 24 TULANE
O. 31 TEMPLE*
N. 7 NOTRE DAME
N. 14 SYRACUSE*
N. 21 ARMY@
@ EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

MIAMI
CORAL GABLES, FLA.
(12–0)
S. 5 IOWA
S. 19 FLORIDA A&M*
S. 26 ARIZONA*
O. 3 FLORIDA STATE*
O. 10 PENN STATE
O. 17 TCU*
O. 24 VIRGINIA TECH
O. 31 WEST VIRGINIA*
N. 14 TEMPLE*
N. 21 SYRACUSE
N. 28 SAN DIEGO STATE

PITTSBURGH
PITTSBURGH, PA.
(6–5)
S. 5 KENT*
S. 12 WEST VIRGINIA*
S. 17 RUTGERS
S. 26 MINNESOTA*
O. 3 MARYLAND
O. 10 NOTRE DAME*
O. 17 TEMPLE
O. 24 EAST CAROLINA*
O. 31 SYRACUSE
N. 14 LOUISVILLE*
N. 21 PENN STATE
D. 5 HAWAII

RUTGERS
NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.
(6–5)
S. 5 BOSTON COLLEGE
S. 12 COLGATE*
S. 17 PITTSBURGH*
S. 26 NAVY
O. 3 PENN STATE*
O. 10 SYRACUSE
O. 17 ARMY@
O. 31 VIRGINIA TECH*
N. 7 CINCINNATI
N. 14 WEST VIRGINIA*
N. 21 TEMPLE
@EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

SYRACUSE
SYRACUSE, N.Y.
(10–2)
S. 5 EAST CAROLINA
S. 12 TEXAS*
S. 19 OHIO STATE*
O. 3 LOUISVILLE
O. 10 RUTGERS*
O. 17 WEST VIRGINIA
O. 24 TEMPLE
O. 31 PITTSBURGH*
N. 7 VIRGINIA TECH*
N. 14 BOSTON COLLEGE
N. 21 MIAMI*

TEMPLE
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
(2–9)
S. 5 BOSTON U.*
S. 12 PENN STATE
S. 19 VIRGINIA TECH*
S. 26 KANSAS STATE
O. 3 WASHINGTON STATE
O. 17 PITTSBURGH*
O. 24 SYRACUSE*
O. 31 BOSTON COLLEGE
N. 7 AKRON
N. 14 MIAMI
N. 21 RUTGERS*

VIRGINIA TECH
BLACKSBURG, VA.
(5–6)
S. 5 JAMES MADISON*
S. 12 EAST CAROLINA
S. 19 TEMPLE*
S. 26 WEST VIRGINIA*
O. 10 LOUISVILLE
O. 17 N.C. STATE*
O. 24 MIAMI*
O. 31 RUTGERS
N. 7 SYRACUSE
N. 14 SOUTHERN MISS*
N. 21 VIRGINIA*

WEST VIRGINIA
MORGANTOWN, W.VA.
(6–5)
S. 5 MIAMI (OHIO)*
S. 12 PITTSBURGH*
S. 19 MARYLAND*
S. 26 VIRGINIA TECH
O. 10 BOSTON COLLEGE*
O. 17 SYRACUSE*
O. 24 PENN STATE*
O. 31 MIAMI
N. 7 EAST CAROLINA*
N. 14 RUTGERS
N. 21 LOUISIANA TECH*

BIG TEN

ILLINOIS
CHAMPAIGN, ILL.
(6–6)
S. 5 N. ILLINOIS*
S. 12 MISSOURI*
S. 19 HOUSTON
O. 3 MINNESOTA
O. 10 OHIO STATE
O. 17 IOWA*
O. 24 NORTHWESTERN*
O. 31 WISCONSIN
N. 7 PURDUE*
N. 14 MICHIGAN
N. 21 MICHIGAN STATE*

INDIANA
BLOOMINGTON, IND.
(7–4–1)
S. 12 MIAMI (OH.)*
S. 19 KENTUCKY
S. 26 MISSOURI*
O. 3 MICHIGAN STATE
O. 10 NORTHWESTERN
O. 17 MICHIGAN*
O. 24 WISCONSIN*
O. 31 MINNESOTA
N. 7 IOWA*
N. 14 OHIO STATE*
N. 21 PURDUE

IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA
(10–1–1)
S. 5 MIAMI (FL.)*
S. 12 IOWA STATE*
S. 26 COLORADO
O. 3 MICHIGAN
O. 10 WISCONSIN*
O. 17 ILLINOIS
O. 24 PURDUE*
O. 31 OHIO STATE*
N. 7 INDIANA
N. 14 NORTHWESTERN*
N. 21 MINNESOTA

MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR, MICH.
(10–2)
S. 12 NOTRE DAME
S. 19 OKLAHOMA STATE*
S. 26 HOUSTON*
O. 3 IOWA*
O. 10 MICHIGAN STATE*
O. 17 INDIANA
O. 24 MINNESOTA*
O. 31 PURDUE
N. 7 NORTHWESTERN
N. 14 ILLINOIS*
N. 21 OHIO STATE

MICHIGAN STATE
EAST LANSING, MICH.
(3–8)
S. 12 C. MICHIGAN*
S. 19 NOTRE DAME*
S. 26 BOSTON COLLEGE
O. 3 INDIANA*
O. 10 MICHIGAN
O. 17 MINNESOTA
O. 24 OHIO STATE*
O. 31 NORTHWESTERN
N. 7 WISCONSIN*
N. 14 PURDUE*
N. 21 ILLINOIS

MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
(2–9)
S. 12 SAN JOSE STATE*
S. 19 COLORADO*
S. 26 PITTSBURGH
O. 3 ILLINOIS*
O. 10 PURDUE
O. 17 MICHIGAN STATE*
O. 24 MICHIGAN
O. 31 INDIANA*
N. 7 OHIO STATE
N. 14 WISCONSIN
N. 21 IOWA*

NORTHWESTERN
EVANSTON, ILL.
(3–8)
S. 5 NOTRE DAME*
S. 12 BOSTON COLLEGE
S. 19 STANFORD
O. 3 PURDUE
O. 10 INDIANA*
O. 17 OHIO STATE
O. 24 ILLINOIS
O. 31 MICHIGAN STATE*
N. 7 MICHIGAN*
N. 14 IOWA
N. 21 WISCONSIN*

OHIO STATE
COLUMBUS, OHIO
(8–4)
S. 5 LOUISVILLE*
S. 12 BOWLING GREEN*
S. 19 SYRACUSE
O. 10 WISCONSIN
O. 10 ILLINOIS*
O. 17 NORTHWESTERN*
O. 24 MICHIGAN STATE
O. 31 IOWA
N. 7 MINNESOTA*
N. 14 INDIANA
N. 21 MICHIGAN*

PURDUE
WEST LAFAYETTE, IND.
(4–7)
S. 12 CALIFORNIA*
S. 19 TOLEDO*
S. 26 NOTRE DAME
O. 3 NORTHWESTERN*
O. 10 MINNESOTA*
O. 17 WISCONSIN
O. 24 IOWA
O. 31 MICHIGAN*
N. 7 ILLINOIS
N. 14 MICHIGAN STATE
N. 21 INDIANA*

WISCONSIN
MADISON, WIS.
(5–6)
S. 12 WASHINGTON
S. 19 BOWLING GREEN*
S. 26 N. ILLINOIS*
O. 3 OHIO STATE*
O. 10 IOWA
O. 17 PURDUE*
O. 24 INDIANA
O. 31 ILLINOIS*
N. 7 MICHIGAN STATE
N. 14 MINNESOTA*
N. 21 NORTHWESTERN

BIG EIGHT

COLORADO
BOULDER, COLO.
(8–3–1)
S. 5 COLORADO ST.*
S. 12 BAYLOR
S. 19 MINNESOTA
S. 26 IOWA*
O. 8 MISSOURI
O. 17 OKLAHOMA*
O. 24 KANSAS STATE*
O. 31 NEBRASKA*
N. 7 OKLAHOMA STATE*
N. 14 KANSAS
N. 21 IOWA STATE*

IOWA STATE
AMES, IOWA
(3–7–1)
S. 5 OHIO*
S. 12 IOWA
S. 19 TULANE*
S. 26 N. ILLINOIS*
O. 3 OKLAHOMA
O. 17 KANSAS*
O. 24 OKLAHOMA STATE
O. 31 MISSOURI*
N. 7 KANSAS STATE
N. 14 NEBRASKA*
N. 21 COLORADO

KANSAS
LAWRENCE, KAN.
(6–5)
S. 5 OREGON STATE
S. 12 BALL STATE*
S. 19 TULSA
S. 24 CALIFORNIA*
O. 10 KANSAS STATE*
O. 17 IOWA STATE
O. 24 OKLAHOMA*
O. 31 OKLAHOMA STATE*
N. 7 NEBRASKA
N. 14 COLORADO*
N. 21 MISSOURI

KANSAS STATE
MANHATTAN, KAN.
(7–4)
S. 19 MONTANA*
S. 26 TEMPLE*
O. 3 NEW MEXICO STATE*
O. 10 KANSAS
O. 17 UTAH STATE
O. 24 COLORADO
O. 31 OKLAHOMA
N. 7 IOWA STATE*
N. 14 MISSOURI
N. 21 OKLAHOMA STATE*
D. 6 NEBRASKA@
@TOKYO, JAPAN

MISSOURI
COLUMBIA, MO.
(3–7–1)
S. 12 ILLINOIS
S. 19 TEXAS A&M*
S. 26 INDIANA
O. 3 MARSHALL*
O. 8 COLORADO*
O. 17 OKLAHOMA STATE
O. 24 NEBRASKA*
O. 31 IOWA STATE
N. 7 OKLAHOMA
N. 14 KANSAS STATE*
N. 21 KANSAS*

NEBRASKA
LINCOLN, NEB.
(9–2–1)
S. 5 UTAH*
S. 12 MIDDLE TENNESSEE*
S. 19 WASHINGTON
S. 26 ARIZONA STATE*
O. 10 OKLAHOMA STATE*
O. 24 MISSOURI
O. 31 COLORADO*
N. 7 KANSAS*
N. 14 IOWA STATE
N. 21 OKLAHOMA
D. 6 KANSAS STATE@
@TOKYO, JAPAN

OKLAHOMA
NORMAN, OKLA.
(9–3)
S. 5 TEXAS TECH
S. 12 ARKANSAS STATE*
S. 19 USC*
O. 3 IOWA STATE*
O. 10 TEXAS*
O. 17 COLORADO
O. 24 KANSAS
O. 31 KANSAS STATE*
N. 7 MISSOURI*
N. 14 OKLAHOMA STATE
N. 21 NEBRASKA*

OKLAHOMA STATE
STILLWATER, OKLA.
(0–10–1)
S. 5 INDIANA STATE*
S. 19 MICHIGAN
S. 26 TULSA*
O. 3 TCU
O. 10 NEBRASKA
O. 17 MISSOURI*
O. 24 IOWA STATE*
O. 31 KANSAS
N. 7 COLORADO
N. 14 OKLAHOMA*
N. 21 KANSAS STATE

PAC TEN

ARIZONA
TUCSON, ARIZ.
(4–7)
S. 5 UTAH STATE*
S. 12 WASHINGTON ST.*
S. 19 OREGON STATE
S. 26 MIAMI
O. 3 UCLA*
O. 17 STANFORD
O. 24 CALIFORNIA
O. 31 NEW MEXICO STATE*
N. 7 WASHINGTON*
N. 14 USC
N. 21 ARIZONA STATE*

ARIZONA STATE
TEMPE, ARIZ.
(6–5)
S. 5 WASHINGTON*
S. 19 LOUISVILLE*
S. 26 NEBRASKA
O. 3 OREGON
O. 10 PACIFIC*
O. 17 OREGON STATE*
O. 24 UCLA
O. 31 USC*
N. 7 WASHINGTON STATE
N. 14 CALIFORNIA*
N. 21 ARIZONA

CALIFORNIA
BERKELEY, CALIF.
(10–2)
S. 5 SAN JOSE STATE*
S. 12 PURDUE
S. 24 KANSAS
O. 3 OREGON STATE*
O. 10 WASHINGTON
O. 17 USC
O. 24 ARIZONA*
O. 31 UCLA*
N. 7 OREGON
N. 14 ARIZONA STATE
N. 21 STANFORD*

OREGON
EUGENE, ORE.
(3–8)
S. 5 HAWAII*
S. 12 STANFORD
S. 19 TEXAS TECH*
S. 26 UNLV*
O. 3 ARIZONA STATE*
O. 10 USC
O. 17 WASHINGTON*
O. 31 WASHINGTON STATE
N. 7 CALIFORNIA*
N. 14 UCLA*
N. 21 OREGON STATE

OREGON STATE
CORVALLIS, ORE.
(1–10)
S. 5 KANSAS*
S. 12 FRESNO STATE*
S. 19 ARIZONA*
S. 26 UTAH
O. 3 CALIFORNIA
O. 10 WASHINGTON STATE*
O. 17 ARIZONA STATE
O. 24 STANFORD*
N. 7 UCLA
N. 14 WASHINGTON
N. 21 OREGON*

SOUTHERN CAL
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
(3–8)
S. 5 SAN DIEGO STATE
S. 19 OKLAHOMA
O. 3 WASHINGTON
O. 10 OREGON*
O. 17 CALIFORNIA*
O. 24 WASHINGTON STATE*
O. 31 ARIZONA STATE
N. 7 STANFORD
N. 14 ARIZONA*
N. 21 UCLA
N. 28 NOTRE DAME*

STANFORD
STANFORD, CALIF.
(8–4)
S. 12 OREGON*
S. 19 NORTHWESTERN*
S. 26 SAN JOSE STATE*
O. 3 NOTRE DAME
O. 10 UCLA
O. 17 ARIZONA*
O. 24 OREGON STATE
O. 31 WASHINGTON
N. 7 USC*
N. 14 WASHINGTON STATE*
N. 21 CALIFORNIA

UCLA
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
(9–3)
S. 12 CAL ST-FULLERTON*
S. 19 BYU
S. 26 SAN DIEGO STATE*
O. 3 ARIZONA
O. 10 STANFORD*
O. 17 WASHINGTON STATE
O. 24 ARIZONA STATE*
O. 31 CALIFORNIA
N. 7 OREGON STATE*
N. 14 OREGON
N. 21 USC*

WASHINGTON
SEATTLE, WASH.
(12–0)
S. 5 ARIZONA STATE
S. 12 WISCONSIN*
S. 19 NEBRASKA*
O. 3 USC*
O. 10 CALIFORNIA*
O. 17 OREGON
O. 24 PACIFIC*
O. 31 STANFORD*
N. 7 ARIZONA
N. 14 OREGON STATE*
N. 21 WASHINGTON STATE

WASHINGTON ST.
PULLMAN, WASH.
(4–7)
S. 5 MONTANA*
S. 12 ARIZONA
S. 26 FRESNO STATE
O. 3 TEMPLE*
O. 10 OREGON STATE
O. 17 UCLA*
O. 24 USC
O. 31 OREGON*
N. 7 ARIZONA STATE*
N. 14 STANFORD
N. 21 WASHINGTON*

SOUTHEASTERN

ALABAMA
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
(11–1)
S. 5 VANDERBILT*
S. 12 SOUTHERN MISS*
S. 19 ARKANSAS@
S. 26 LOUISIANA TECH*
O. 3 SOUTH CAROLINA*
O. 10 TULANE
O. 17 TENNESSEE
O. 24 OLE MISS*
N. 7 LSU
N. 14 MISSISSIPPI STATE
N. 26 AUBURN†
@ LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
† BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

ARKANSAS
FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.
(6–6)
S. 5 THE CITADEL*
S. 12 SOUTH CAROLINA
S. 19 ALABAMA@
S. 26 MEMPHIS STATE
O. 3 GEORGIA*
O. 10 TENNESSEE
O. 17 OLE MISS@
O. 31 AUBURN
N. 7 MISSISSIPPI STATE
N. 21 SMU@
N. 28 LSU*
@ LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

AUBURN
AUBURN, ALA.
(5–6)
S. 5 OLE MISS
S. 12 SAMFORD*
S. 19 LSU*
S. 26 SOUTHERN MISS*
O. 3 VANDERBILT*
O. 10 MISSISSIPPI STATE
O. 17 FLORIDA
O. 24 SW LOUISIANA*
O. 31 ARKANSAS*
N. 14 GEORGIA*
N. 26 ALABAMA@
@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE, FLA.
(10–2)
S. 12 KENTUCKY*
S. 19 TENNESSEE
O. 1 MISSISSIPPI STATE
O. 10 LSU*
O. 17 AUBURN*
O. 24 LOUISVILLE*
O. 31 GEORGIA@
N. 7 SOUTHERN MISS*
N. 14 SOUTH CAROLINA*
N. 21 VANDERBILT
N. 28 FLORIDA STATE
@ JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

GEORGIA
ATHENS, GA.
(9–3)
S. 5 SOUTH CAROLINA
S. 12 TENNESSEE*
S. 19 CAL ST-FULLERTON*
S. 26 OLE MISS*
O. 3 ARKANSAS
O. 10 GEORGIA SO.*
O. 17 VANDERBILT*
O. 24 KENTUCKY
O. 31 FLORIDA@
N. 14 AUBURN
N. 28 GEORGIA TECH*
@ JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

KENTUCKY
LEXINGTON, KY.
(3–8)
S. 5 C. MICHIGAN*
S. 19 FLORIDA
S. 19 INDIANA*
S. 26 SOUTH CAROLINA*
O. 3 OLE MISS
O. 17 LSU
O. 24 GEORGIA*
O. 31 MISSISSIPPI STATE*
N. 7 VANDERBILT*
N. 14 CINCINNATI
N. 21 TENNESSEE

LOUISIANA STATE
BATON ROUGE, LA.
(5–6)
S. 5 TEXAS A&M*
S. 12 MISSISSIPPI STATE*
S. 19 AUBURN
S. 26 COLORADO STATE*
O. 3 TENNESSEE*
O. 10 FLORIDA
O. 17 KENTUCKY*
O. 31 OLE MISS
N. 7 ALABAMA*
N. 21 TULANE*
N. 28 ARKANSAS

MISSISSIPPI
UNIVERSITY, MISS.
(5–6)
S. 5 AUBURN*
S. 12 TULANE*
S. 19 VANDERBILT
S. 26 GEORGIA
O. 3 KENTUCKY*
O. 17 ARKANSAS@
O. 24 ALABAMA
O. 31 LSU*
N. 7 MEMPHIS STATE*
N. 14 LOUISIANA TECH*
N. 28 MISSISSIPPI STATE*
@ LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

MISSISSIPPI STATE
MISSISSIPPI STATE, MISS.
(7–5)
S. 5 TEXAS
S. 12 LSU
S. 19 MEMPHIS STATE
O. 1 FLORIDA*
O. 10 AUBURN*
O. 17 SOUTH CAROLINA
O. 24 ARKANSAS STATE*
O. 31 KENTUCKY
N. 7 ARKANSAS*
N. 14 ALABAMA*
N. 28 OLE MISS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COLUMBIA, S.C.
(3–6–2)
S. 5 GEORGIA*
S. 12 ARKANSAS*
S. 19 EAST CAROLINA*
S. 26 KENTUCKY
O. 3 ALABAMA
O. 17 MISSISSIPPI STATE*
O. 24 VANDERBILT
O. 31 TENNESSEE*
N. 7 LOUISIANA TECH*
N. 14 FLORIDA
N. 21 CLEMSON

TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE, TENN.
(9–3)
S. 5 SW LOUISIANA*
S. 12 GEORGIA
S. 19 FLORIDA*
S. 26 CINCINNATI*
O. 3 LSU
O. 10 ARKANSAS*
O. 17 ALABAMA*
O. 31 SOUTH CAROLINA
N. 14 MEMPHIS STATE
N. 21 KENTUCKY*
N. 28 VANDERBILT

VANDERBILT
NASHVILLE, TENN.
(5–6)
S. 5 ALABAMA
S. 12 DUKE*
S. 19 OLE MISS*
O. 3 AUBURN
O. 10 WAKE FOREST*
O. 17 GEORGIA
O. 24 SOUTH CAROLINA*
N. 7 KENTUCKY
N. 14 NAVY
N. 21 FLORIDA*
N. 28 TENNESSEE*

WESTERN

AIR FORCE
ACADEMY, COLO.
(10–3)
S. 5 RICE*
S. 12 HAWAII*
S. 19 WYOMING
S. 26 NEW MEXICO*
O. 3 UTEP
O. 10 NAVY*
O. 17 COLORADO STATE*
O. 24 SAN DIEGO STATE
O. 31 UTAH*
N. 7 ARMY
N. 14 BYU*

BRIGHAM YOUNG
PROVO, UTAH
(8–3–2)
S. 5 UTEP
S. 10 SAN DIEGO STATE*
S. 19 UCLA*
S. 26 HAWAII
O. 2 UTAH STATE*
O. 10 FRESNO STATE*
O. 17 WYOMING
O. 24 NOTRE DAME
O. 31 PENN STATE*
N. 7 NEW MEXICO*
N. 14 AIR FORCE
N. 21 UTAH

COLORADO STATE
FORT COLLINS, COLO.
(3–8)
S. 5 COLORADO
S. 12 IDAHO*
S. 19 FRESNO STATE
S. 26 LSU*
O. 3 UTAH*
O. 10 UTEP*
O. 17 AIR FORCE
O. 24 WYOMING*
O. 31 SAN DIEGO STATE*
N. 7 HAWAII
N. 14 OHIO*
N. 21 NEW MEXICO

FRESNO STATE
FRESNO, CAL.
(10–2)
S. 5 PACIFIC
S. 12 OREGON STATE
S. 19 COLORADO STATE*
S. 26 WASHINGTON STATE*
O. 3 LOUISIANA TECH*
O. 10 BYU
O. 17 HAWAII
O. 24 NEW MEXICO*
O. 31 WYOMING*
N. 7 UTAH*
N. 21 SAN DIEGO STATE
N. 28 UTEP

HAWAII
HONOLULU, HI.
(4–7–1)
S. 5 OREGON
S. 12 AIR FORCE
S. 26 BYU*
O. 10 UTAH
O. 17 FRESNO STATE*
O. 24 UNLV*
O. 31 UTEP
N. 7 COLORADO STATE*
N. 14 SAN DIEGO STATE
N. 21 WYOMING*
N. 28 TULSA*
D. 5 PITTSBURGH*

NEW MEXICO
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.
(3–9)
S. 5 TCU*
S. 12 NEW MEXICO STATE
S. 19 SMU*
S. 26 AIR FORCE
O. 3 SAN DIEGO STATE*
O. 10 WYOMING
O. 17 UTAH*
O. 24 FRESNO STATE
N. 7 BYU
N. 14 UTEP*
N. 21 COLORADO STATE*

SAN DIEGO STATE
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.
(8–4–1)
S. 5 USC*
S. 10 BYU
S. 26 UCLA
O. 3 NEW MEXICO
O. 17 UTEP*
O. 24 AIR FORCE*
O. 31 COLORADO STATE
N. 7 WYOMING
N. 14 HAWAII
N. 21 FRESNO STATE*
N. 28 MIAMI*

TEXAS-EL PASO
EL PASO, TEXAS
(4–7–1)
S. 5 BYU*
S. 12 UNLV
S. 19 NEW MEXICO STATE*
O. 3 AIR FORCE*
O. 10 COLORADO STATE
O. 17 SAN DIEGO STATE
O. 24 UTAH
O. 31 HAWAII*
N. 7 TULSA*
N. 14 NEW MEXICO
N. 28 FRESNO STATE*

UTAH
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
(7–5)
S. 5 NEBRASKA
S. 12 UTAH STATE
S. 26 OREGON STATE*
O. 3 COLORADO STATE
O. 10 HAWAII*
O. 17 NEW MEXICO
O. 24 UTEP*
O. 31 AIR FORCE
N. 7 FRESNO STATE
N. 14 WYOMING*
N. 21 BYU*

WYOMING
LARAMIE, WYO.
(4–6–1)
S. 5 NEVADA*
S. 12 TEXAS TECH
S. 19 AIR FORCE*
S. 26 LOUISVILLE
O. 3 SAN JOSE STATE*
O. 10 NEW MEXICO*
O. 17 BYU*
O. 24 COLORADO STATE
O. 31 FRESNO STATE
N. 7 SAN DIEGO STATE*
N. 14 UTAH
N. 21 HAWAII

SOUTHWEST

BAYLOR
WACO, TEXAS
(8–4)
S. 5 LOUISIANA TECH*
S. 12 COLORADO*
S. 19 UTAH STATE*
S. 26 TEXAS TECH
O. 3 SMU*
O. 10 TCU
O. 17 HOUSTON*
O. 24 TEXAS A&M
N. 7 GEORGIA TECH*
N. 14 RICE
N. 21 TEXAS*

HOUSTON
HOUSTON, TEXAS
(4–7)
S. 5 TULSA
S. 19 ILLINOIS*
S. 26 MICHIGAN
O. 3 SW LOUISIANA*
O. 17 BAYLOR
O. 24 TEXAS
O. 31 TCU*
N. 7 SMU
N. 12 TEXAS A&M*
N. 21 TEXAS TECH
N. 28 RICE*

RICE
HOUSTON, TEXAS
(4–7)
S. 5 AIR FORCE
S. 19 DUKE
S. 26 SAM HOUSTON ST.*
O. 3 TEXAS*
O. 10 SMU*
O. 17 TEXAS A&M
O. 24 TCU
N. 7 TEXAS TECH*
N. 14 BAYLOR*
N. 21 NAVY*
N. 28 HOUSTON

SMU
DALLAS, TEXAS
(1–10)
S. 5 TULANE*
S. 12 N. TEXAS STATE*
S. 19 NEW MEXICO
S. 26 TCU*
O. 3 BAYLOR
O. 10 RICE
O. 24 TEXAS TECH
O. 31 TEXAS A&M.*@
N. 7 HOUSTON*
N. 14 TEXAS
N. 21 ARKANSAS†
@ COTTON BOWL
† LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

TEXAS
AUSTIN, TEXAS
(5–6)
S. 5 MISSISSIPPI STATE*
S. 12 SYRACUSE
S. 26 N. TEXAS STATE*
O. 3 RICE
O. 10 OKLAHOMA
O. 24 HOUSTON*
O. 31 TEXAS TECH
N. 7 TCU
N. 14 SMU*
N. 21 BAYLOR
N. 26 TEXAS A&M*

TEXAS A&M
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS
(10–2)
S. 5 LSU
S. 12 TULSA*
S. 19 MISSOURI
O. 3 TEXAS TECH*
O. 17 RICE*
O. 24 BAYLOR*
O. 31 SMU@
N. 7 LOUISVILLE*
N. 12 HOUSTON
N. 21 TCU*
N. 26 TEXAS
@ COTTON BOWL

TEXAS CHRISTIAN
FORT WORTH, TEXAS
(7–4)
S. 5 NEW MEXICO
S. 12 W. MICHIGAN*
S. 26 SMU
O. 3 OKLAHOMA STATE*
O. 10 BAYLOR*
O. 17 MIAMI
O. 24 RICE*
O. 31 HOUSTON
N. 7 TEXAS*
N. 14 TEXAS TECH*
N. 21 TEXAS A&M

TEXAS TECH
LUBBOCK, TEXAS
(6–5)
S. 3 OKLAHOMA*
S. 12 WYOMING*
S. 19 OREGON
S. 26 BAYLOR*
O. 3 TEXAS A&M
O. 10 N.C. STATE
O. 24 SMU*
O. 31 TEXAS*
N. 7 RICE
N. 14 TCU
N. 21 HOUSTON*

BIG WEST

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CAL ST.-FULLERTON
FULLERTON, CALIF.
(2–9)
S. 5 CAL ST-NORTH.*
S. 12 UCLA
S. 19 GEORGIA
S. 26 SACRAMENTO STATE*
O. 3 NEVADA*
O. 10 SAN JOSE STATE
O. 17 SW LOUISIANA
O. 31 UTAH STATE*
N. 7 PACIFIC
N. 14 NEW MEXICO STATE
N. 28 UNLV

NEVADA
RENO, NEVADA
(12–1)
S. 5 WYOMING
S. 12 PACIFIC*
S. 19 MCNEESE STATE*
S. 26 TULANE
O. 3 CAL ST-FULLERTON
O. 17 UNLV
O. 24 NEW MEXICO STATE*
O. 31 WEBER STATE*
N. 7 SAN JOSE STATE
N. 14 UTAH STATE*
N. 21 TEXAS SOUTHERN*

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
(4–7)
S. 12 UTEP*
S. 19 N. ARIZONA*
S. 26 OREGON
O. 3 PACIFIC
O. 10 NEW MEXICO STATE
O. 17 NEVADA*
O. 24 HAWAII
O. 31 SAN JOSE STATE*
N. 7 UTAH STATE
N. 21 MONTANA STATE*
N. 28 CAL ST-FULLERTON*

NEW MEXICO ST.
LAS CRUSES, N.M.
(2–9)
S. 5 WEBER STATE*
S. 12 NEW MEXICO*
S. 19 UTEP
S. 26 UTAH STATE
O. 3 KANSAS STATE
O. 10 UNLV*
O. 17 PACIFIC*
O. 24 NEVADA
O. 31 ARIZONA
N. 7 CAL ST-FULLERTON*
N. 21 SAN JOSE STATE

PACIFIC
FOREST GROVE, ORE.
(5–7)
S. 5 FRESNO STATE*
S. 12 NEVADA
S. 19 BOISE STATE
O. 3 UNLV*
O. 10 ARIZONA STATE
O. 17 NEW MEXICO STATE
O. 24 WASHINGTON
N. 7 CAL ST.-FULLERTON*
N. 14 SAN JOSE STATE*
N. 21 UTAH STATE*

SAN JOSE STATE
SAN JOSE, CALIF.
(6–4–1)
S. 5 CALIFORNIA
S. 12 MINNESOTA
S. 19 SW LOUISIANA*
S. 26 STANFORD
O. 3 WYOMING
O. 10 CAL ST-FULLERTON*
O. 24 UTAH STATE
O. 31 UNLV
N. 7 NEVADA*
N. 14 HAWAII*
N. 21 NEW MEXICO STATE*

UTAH STATE
LOGAN, UTAH
(5–6)
S. 5 ARIZONA
S. 12 UTAH*
S. 19 BAYLOR
S. 26 NEW MEXICO STATE*
O. 2 BYU
O. 17 KANSAS STATE*
O. 24 SAN JOSE STATE*
O. 31 CAL ST-FULLERTON
N. 7 UNLV*
N. 14 NEVADA
N. 21 PACIFIC

COLLEGE SCHEDULES

MAC

AKRON
AKRON, OHIO
(5–6)
S. 5 E. MICHIGAN
S. 12 TOLEDO*
S. 19 W. MICHIGAN
O. 3 OHIO
O. 10 KENT
O. 17 BALL STATE
O. 24 BOWLING GREEN*
O. 31 C. MICHIGAN*
N. 7 TEMPLE*
N. 14 YOUNGSTOWN ST.*
N. 21 CINCINNATI

BALL STATE
MUNCIE, IND.
(6–5)
S. 5 CLEMSON
S. 12 KANSAS
S. 19 KENT
S. 26 MIAMI*
O. 3 W. MICHIGAN
O. 10 E. MICHIGAN*
O. 17 AKRON*
O. 24 C. MICHIGAN*
O. 31 OHIO
N. 7 TOLEDO*
N. 14 BOWLING GREEN

BOWLING GREEN
BOWLING GREEN, OHIO
(11–1)
S. 5 W. MICHIGAN*
S. 12 OHIO STATE
S. 19 WISCONSIN
S. 26 EAST CAROLINA*
O. 3 C. MICHIGAN
O. 10 OHIO*
O. 17 TOLEDO
O. 24 AKRON
O. 31 MIAMI
N. 7 KENT
N. 14 BALL STATE*

CENTRAL MICHIGAN
MT. PLEASANT, MICH.
(6–1–4)
S. 5 KENTUCKY
S. 12 MICHIGAN STATE
S. 19 OHIO*
S. 26 TOLEDO*
O. 3 BOWLING GREEN*
O. 10 MIAMI
O. 17 KENT*
O. 24 BALL STATE
O. 31 AKRON
N. 7 E. MICHIGAN*
N. 14 W. MICHIGAN

EASTERN MICHIGAN
YPSILANTI, MICH.
(3–7–1)
S. 5 AKRON*
S. 12 LOUISIANA TECH
S. 19 PENN STATE
S. 26 KENT*
O. 3 MIAMI*
O. 10 BALL STATE
O. 17 W. MICHIGAN
O. 24 OHIO*
O. 31 ARMY
N. 7 C. MICHIGAN
N. 14 TOLEDO

KENT
KENT, OHIO
(1–10)
S. 5 PITTSBURGH
S. 12 OHIO*
S. 19 BALL STATE*
S. 26 E. MICHIGAN
O. 3 CINCINNATI
O. 10 AKRON*
O. 17 C. MICHIGAN
O. 24 W. MICHIGAN*
O. 31 TOLEDO
N. 7 BOWLING GREEN*
N. 14 MIAMI

MIAMI
OXFORD, OHIO
(6–4–1)
S. 5 WEST VIRGINIA
S. 12 INDIANA
S. 19 CINCINNATI*
S. 26 BALL STATE
O. 3 E. MICHIGAN
O. 10 C. MICHIGAN*
O. 17 OHIO
O. 24 TOLEDO*
O. 31 BOWLING GREEN
N. 7 W. MICHIGAN*
N. 14 KENT*

OHIO
ATHENS, OHIO
(2–8–1)
S. 5 IOWA STATE
S. 12 KENT
S. 19 C. MICHIGAN
S. 26 W. MICHIGAN*
O. 3 AKRON*
O. 10 BOWLING GREEN
O. 17 MIAMI*
O. 24 E. MICHIGAN
O. 31 BALL STATE*
N. 7 YOUNGSTOWN ST.*
N. 14 COLORADO STATE

TOLEDO
TOLEDO, OHIO
(5–5–1)
S. 5 ARKANSAS STATE*
S. 12 AKRON
S. 19 PURDUE
S. 26 C. MICHIGAN
O. 10 W. MICHIGAN*
O. 17 BOWLING GREEN*
O. 24 MIAMI
O. 31 KENT*
N. 7 BALL STATE
N. 14 E. MICHIGAN*
N. 21 N. ILLINOIS

WESTERN MICHIGAN
KALAMAZOO, MICH.
(6–5)
S. 5 BOWLING GREEN
S. 12 TCU
S. 19 AKRON*
S. 26 OHIO
O. 3 BALL STATE*
O. 10 TOLEDO
O. 17 E. MICHIGAN*
O. 24 KENT
O. 31 N. ILLINOIS*
N. 7 MIAMI
N. 14 C. MICHIGAN*

PATRIOT

BUCKNELL
LEWISBURG, PA.
(1–9)
S. 5 BLOOMSBURG*
S. 12 VILLANOVA
S. 19 TOWSON STATE
S. 26 BROWN*
O. 3 DARTMOUTH
O. 10 COLUMBIA
O. 24 HOLY CROSS
O. 31 FORDHAM*
N. 7 LEHIGH
N. 14 LAFAYETTE*
N. 21 COLGATE*

COLGATE
HAMILTON, N.Y.
(4–7)
S. 12 RUTGERS
S. 19 FORDHAM
S. 26 PENNSYLVANIA
O. 3 COLUMBIA
O. 10 BUFFALO*
O. 17 CORNELL*
O. 24 LEHIGH
O. 31 LAFAYETTE*
N. 7 WM. & MARY*
N. 14 HOLY CROSS*
N. 21 BUCKNELL

FORDHAM
BRONX, N.Y.
(3–8)
S. 12 LEHIGH
S. 19 COLGATE*
S. 26 COLUMBIA*
O. 3 PENNSYLVANIA*
O. 10 YALE*
O. 24 LAFAYETTE*
O. 31 BUCKNELL
N. 7 HOFSTRA
N. 14 VILLANOVA
N. 21 HOLY CROSS

HOLY CROSS
WORCHESTER, MASS.
(11–0)
S. 12 ARMY
S. 19 MASSACHUSETTS*
S. 26 YALE
O. 3 HARVARD*
O. 10 DARTMOUTH*
O. 17 PRINCETON*
O. 24 BUCKNELL*
O. 31 LEHIGH*
N. 7 LAFAYETTE
N. 14 COLGATE
N. 21 FORDHAM*

LAFAYETTE
EASTON, PA.
(6–5)
S. 12 HOFSTRA*
S. 19 BUFFALO*
S. 26 PRINCETON
O. 3 CORNELL
O. 10 ARMY
O. 17 HARVARD*
O. 24 FORDHAM
O. 31 COLGATE
N. 7 HOLY CROSS*
N. 14 BUCKNELL
N. 21 LEHIGH*

LEHIGH
BETHLEHEM, PA.
(9–2)
S. 12 FORDHAM*
S. 19 NEW HAMPSHIRE*
S. 26 CORNELL
O. 3 PRINCETON*
O. 10 NORTHEASTERN
O. 17 BROWN
O. 24 COLGATE*
O. 31 HOLY CROSS
N. 7 BUCKNELL*
N. 14 WM. & MARY
N. 21 LAFAYETTE

I-A INDEPENDENTS

ARKANSAS STATE
STATE UNIVERSITY, ARK.
(1–10)
S. 5 TOLEDO
S. 12 OKLAHOMA
S. 19 N. ILLINOIS*
S. 26 S. ILLINOIS*
O. 3 NW LA ST.*
O. 10 TROY STATE*
O. 17 MEMPHIS STATE
O. 24 MISSISSIPPI STATE
O. 31 LOUISIANA TECH
N. 14 EAST CAROLINA
N. 21 SW LOUISIANA

ARMY
WEST POINT, N.Y.
(4–7)
S. 12 HOLY CROSS*
S. 19 NORTH CAROLINA
S. 26 THE CITADEL*
O. 10 LAFAYETTE*
O. 17 RUTGERS†
O. 24 WAKE FOREST
O. 31 E. MICHIGAN*
N. 7 AIR FORCE*
N. 14 N. ILLINOIS*
N. 21 BOSTON COLLEGE@
O. 5 NAVY#
@ EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.
† PHILADELPHIA, PA.

CINCINNATI
CINCINNATI, OHIO
(4–7)
S. 5 PENN STATE*
S. 19 MIAMI (OH.)
S. 26 TENNESSEE
O. 3 KENT*
O. 10 MEMPHIS STATE
O. 17 EAST CAROLINA
O. 24 SOUTHERN MISS
O. 31 LOUISVILLE*
N. 7 RUTGERS*
N. 14 KENTUCKY*
N. 21 AKRON*

EAST CAROLINA
GREENVILLE, N.C.
(11–1)
S. 5 SYRACUSE*
S. 12 VIRGINIA TECH*
S. 19 SOUTH CAROLINA
S. 26 BOWLING GREEN
O. 10 DUKE
O. 17 CINCINNATI*
O. 24 PITTSBURGH
O. 29 SOUTHERN MISS*
N. 7 WEST VIRGINIA
N. 14 ARKANSAS STATE*
N. 21 MEMPHIS STATE

LOUISIANA TECH
RUSTON, LA.
(8–1–2)
S. 5 BAYLOR
S. 12 EASTERN MICH.*
S. 19 SOUTHERN MISS
S. 26 ALABAMA
O. 3 FRESNO STATE
O. 10 SW LOUISIANA*
O. 17 EAST TENN. ST.*
O. 31 ARKANSAS ST.*
N. 7 SOUTH CAROLINA
N. 14 OLE MISS
N. 21 WEST VIRGINIA

LOUISVILLE
LOUISVILLE, KY.
(2–9)
S. 5 OHIO STATE
S. 12 MEMPHIS STATE*
S. 19 ARIZONA STATE
S. 26 WYOMING*
O. 3 SYRACUSE*
O. 10 VIRGINIA TECH*
O. 17 TULSA*
O. 24 FLORIDA
O. 31 CINCINNATI
N. 7 TEXAS A&M
N. 14 PITTSBURGH

MEMPHIS STATE
MEMPHIS, TENN.
(5–6)
S. 5 SOUTHERN MISS
S. 12 LOUISVILLE*
S. 19 MISSISSIPPI ST.*
S. 26 ARKANSAS*
O. 10 CINCINNATI*
O. 17 ARKANSAS STATE*
O. 24 TULSA
O. 31 TULANE
N. 7 OLE MISS
N. 14 TENNESSEE*
N. 21 EAST CAROLINA*

NAVY
ANNAPOLIS, MD.
(1–10)
S. 12 VIRGINIA*
S. 19 BOSTON COLLEGE
S. 26 RUTGERS*
O. 3 N. CAROLINA
O. 10 AIR FORCE*
O. 24 DELAWARE*
O. 31 NOTRE DAME@
N. 7 TULANE*
N. 14 VANDERBILT*
N. 21 RICE
D. 5 ARMY†
@ EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.
† PHILADELPHIA, PA.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS
DEKALB, ILL.
(2–9)
S. 5 ILLINOIS
S. 12 ILLINOIS STATE*
S. 19 ARKANSAS STATE
S. 26 WISCONSIN
O. 3 MIDDLE TENNESSEE*
O. 10 SOUTHERN MISS*
O. 24 LIBERTY*
O. 31 W. MICHIGAN
N. 7 SW LOUISIANA
N. 14 ARMY
N. 21 TOLEDO*

NOTRE DAME
NOTRE DAME, IND.
(10–3)
S. 5 NORTHWESTERN
S. 12 MICHIGAN*
S. 19 MICHIGAN STATE
S. 26 PURDUE*
O. 3 STANFORD*
O. 10 PITTSBURGH
O. 24 BYU*
O. 31 NAVY
N. 7 BOSTON COLLEGE*
N. 14 PENN STATE*
N. 28 USC

PENN STATE
UNIVERSITY PARK, PA.
(11–2)
S. 5 CINCINNATI
S. 12 TEMPLE*
S. 19 E. MICHIGAN*
S. 26 MARYLAND*
O. 3 RUTGERS
O. 10 MIAMI (FL)*
O. 17 BOSTON COLLEGE*
O. 24 WEST VIRGINIA
O. 31 BYU
N. 14 NOTRE DAME
N. 21 PITTSBURGH*

SOUTHERN MISS
HATTIESBURG, MISS.
(4–7)
S. 5 MEMPHIS STATE*
S. 12 ALABAMA
S. 19 LOUISIANA TECH*
S. 26 AUBURN
O. 3 TULSA*
O. 10 N. ILLINOIS
O. 15 TULANE
O. 24 CINCINNATI*
O. 29 EAST CAROLINA
N. 7 FLORIDA
N. 14 VIRGINIA TECH

SW LOUISIANA
LAFAYETTE, LA.
(2–8–1)
S. 5 TENNESSEE
S. 12 NE LOUISIANA*
S. 19 SAN JOSE STATE
S. 26 W. KENTUCKY*
O. 3 HOUSTON
O. 10 LOUISIANA TECH
O. 17 CAL ST-FULLERTON*
O. 24 AUBURN
O. 31 TULSA
N. 7 N. ILLINOIS*
N. 21 ARKANSAS STATE*

TULANE
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
(1–10)
S. 5 SMU
S. 12 OLE MISS
S. 19 IOWA STATE
S. 26 NEVADA*
O. 10 ALABAMA*
O. 15 SOUTHERN MISS*
O. 24 BOSTON COLLEGE*
O. 31 MEMPHIS STATE*
N. 7 NAVY
N. 14 FLORIDA STATE
N. 21 LSU

TULSA
TULSA, OKLA.
(10–2)
S. 5 HOUSTON*
S. 12 TEXAS A&M
S. 19 KANSAS*
S. 26 OKLAHOMA STATE
O. 3 SOUTHERN MISS
O. 10 SW MISSOURI STATE*
O. 17 LOUISVILLE
O. 24 MEMPHIS STATE*
O. 31 SW LOUISIANA*
N. 7 UTEP
N. 28 HAWAII

IVY LEAGUE

BROWN
PROVIDENCE, PA.
(1–9)
S. 19 YALE*
S. 26 BUCKNELL
O. 3 WM. & MARY
O. 10 PRINCETON
O. 17 LEHIGH*
O. 24 PENNSYLVANIA*
O. 31 CORNELL
N. 7 HARVARD
N. 14 DARTMOUTH*
N. 21 COLUMBIA

COLUMBIA
NEW YORK, N.Y.
(1–9)
S. 19 HARVARD*
S. 26 FORDHAM
O. 3 COLGATE*
O. 10 BUCKNELL*
O. 17 PENNSYLVANIA
O. 24 YALE
O. 31 PRINCETON*
N. 7 DARTMOUTH
N. 14 CORNELL*
N. 21 BROWN*

CORNELL
ITHACA, N.Y.
(5–5)
S. 19 PRINCETON*
S. 26 LEHIGH*
O. 3 LAFAYETTE*
O. 10 HARVARD
O. 17 COLGATE
O. 24 DARTMOUTH*
O. 31 BROWN*
N. 7 YALE
N. 14 COLUMBIA
N. 21 PENNSYLVANIA*

DARTMOUTH
HANOVER, N.H.
(7–2–1)
S. 19 PENNSYLVANIA*
S. 26 NEW HAMPSHIRE
O. 3 BUCKNELL*
O. 10 HOLY CROSS
O. 17 YALE*
O. 24 CORNELL
O. 31 HARVARD
N. 7 COLUMBIA*
N. 14 BROWN
N. 21 PRINCETON

HARVARD
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.
(4–5–1)
S. 19 COLUMBIA
S. 26 WM. & MARY*
O. 3 HOLY CROSS
O. 10 CORNELL*
O. 17 LAFAYETTE
O. 24 PRINCETON
O. 31 DARTMOUTH*
N. 7 BROWN*
N. 14 PENNSYLVANIA
N. 21 YALE*

PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
(2–8)
S. 19 DARTMOUTH
S. 26 COLGATE*
O. 3 FORDHAM
O. 10 WM. & MARY*
O. 17 COLUMBIA*
O. 24 BROWN
O. 31 YALE*
N. 7 PRINCETON
N. 14 HARVARD*
N. 21 CORNELL

PRINCETON
PRINCETON, N.J.
(8–2)
S. 19 CORNELL
S. 26 LAFAYETTE*
O. 3 LEHIGH*
O. 10 BROWN*
O. 17 HOLY CROSS
O. 24 HARVARD*
O. 31 COLUMBIA
N. 7 PENNSYLVANIA*
N. 14 YALE
N. 21 DARTMOUTH*

YALE
NEW HAVEN, CONN.
(6–4)
S. 19 BROWN
S. 26 HOLY CROSS*
O. 3 CONNECTICUT
O. 10 FORDHAM*
O. 17 DARTMOUTH
O. 24 COLUMBIA*
O. 31 PENNSYLVANIA
N. 7 CORNELL*
N. 14 PRINCETON*
N. 21 HARVARD

BIG SKY

BOISE STATE
BOISE, IDAHO
(7–4)
S. 5 TENN-CHATT*
S. 12 IDAHO STATE
S. 19 PACIFIC*
S. 26 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
O. 3 MONTANA*
O. 10 N. ARIZONA
O. 17 WEBER STATE*
O. 24 PORTLAND STATE*
O. 31 MONTANA STATE
N. 14 E. WASHINGTON
N. 21 IDAHO*

E. WASHINGTON
CHENEY, WASH.
(5–6)
S. 12 PORTLAND STATE
S. 19 SONOMA STATE*
S. 26 MONTANA
O. 3 WEBER ST.*
O. 10 MONTANA STATE*
O. 17 IDAHO*
O. 24 N. ARIZONA
O. 31 IDAHO STATE
N. 7 NE LOUISIANA
N. 14 BOISE STATE*

IDAHO
MOSCOW, IDAHO
(6–5)
S. 5 SAINT CLOUD STATE*
S. 12 COLORADO STATE
S. 19 WEBER STATE*
O. 3 CAL ST-NORTH*
O. 10 IDAHO STATE*
O. 17 E. WASHINGTON
O. 24 N. IOWA
O. 31 N. ARIZONA*
N. 7 MONTANA
N. 14 MONTANA STATE*
N. 21 BOISE STATE

IDAHO STATE
POCATELLO, IDAHO
(3–7–1)
S. 5 MESA STATE*
S. 12 BOISE STATE*
S. 19 N. IOWA
S. 26 N. ARIZONA
O. 10 IDAHO
O. 17 MONTANA STATE
O. 24 WEBER STATE
O. 31 E. WASHINGTON*
N. 14 S. UTAH*
N. 21 MONTANA*

MONTANA
MISSOULA, MONT.
(7–4)
S. 5 WASHINGTON ST.
S. 12 CAL ST. CHICO*
S. 19 KANSAS STATE
S. 26 E. WASHINGTON*
O. 3 BOISE STATE
O. 10 WEBER STATE
O. 17 N. ARIZONA*
O. 24 MONTANA STATE*
N. 7 IDAHO*
N. 14 HOFSTRA*
N. 21 IDAHO STATE

MONTANA STATE
BOZEMAN, MONT.
(2–9)
S. 5 CALIFORNIA ST. U.
S. 12 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN*
S. 19 MESA STATE*
S. 26 WEBER STATE
O. 3 N. ARIZONA*
O. 10 E. WASHINGTON
O. 17 IDAHO STATE*
O. 24 MONTANA*
O. 31 BOISE STATE*
N. 14 IDAHO
N. 21 UNLV

N. ARIZONA
FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ.
(3–8)
S. 5 S. UTAH*
S. 12 NORTHEASTERN*
S. 19 UNLV
S. 26 IDAHO STATE*
O. 3 MONTANA STATE
O. 10 BOISE STATE*
O. 17 MONTANA
O. 24 E. WASHINGTON*
O. 31 IDAHO
N. 7 WEBER STATE*
N. 14 MINN-DULUTH*

WEBER STATE
OGDEN, UTAH
(8–4)
S. 5 NEW MEXICO STATE
S. 12 S. UTAH*
S. 19 IDAHO
S. 26 MONTANA STATE*
O. 3 E. WASHINGTON
O. 10 MONTANA*
O. 17 BOISE STATE
O. 24 IDAHO STATE*
O. 31 NEVADA
N. 7 N. ARIZONA
N. 21 MCNEESE STATE*

YANKEE

MASSACHUSETTS
AMHERST, MASS.
(4–7)
S. 12 DELAWARE
S. 19 HOLY CROSS
S. 26 BOSTON U.*
O. 10 RHODE ISLAND
O. 17 CONNECTICUT*
O. 24 VILLALNOVA*
O. 31 NORTHEASTERN*
N. 7 RICHMOND
N. 14 MAINE*
N. 21 NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW HAMPSHIRE
DURHAM, N.H.
(9–3)
S. 5 MAINE
S. 12 CONNECTICUT*
S. 19 LEHIGH
S. 26 DARTMOUTH*
O. 3 DELAWARE*
O. 10 RICHMOND
O. 24 NORTHEASTERN*
O. 31 BOSTON U.
N. 7 VILLANOVA*
N. 14 RHODE ISLAND
N. 21 MASSACHUSETTS*

RHODE ISLAND
KINGSTON, R.I.
(6–5)
S. 12 TOWSON STATE*
S. 19 DELAWARE
S. 26 RICHMOND*
O. 2 HOFSTRA
O. 10 MASSACHUSETTS*
O. 17 MAINE
O. 24 BOSTON U.*
O. 31 VILLANOVA
N. 7 NORTHEASTERN
N. 14 NEW HAMPSHIRE*
N. 21 CONNECTICUT

RICHMOND
RICHMOND, VA.
(2–9)
S. 12 JAMES MADISON*
S. 19 VILLANOVA
S. 26 RHODE ISLAND
O. 3 MAINE*
O. 10 NEW HAMPSHIRE*
O. 17 BOSTON U.
O. 24 VMI*
O. 31 CONNECTICUT
N. 7 MASSACHUSETTS*
N. 14 DELAWARE*
N. 21 WM. & MARY*

VILLANOVA
VILLANOVA, PA.
(10–2)
S. 4 WEST CHESTER*
S. 12 BUCKNELL*
S. 19 RICHMOND*
O. 3 BOSTON U.
O. 10 CONNECTICUT
O. 17 DELAWARE*
O. 24 MASSACHUSETTS
O. 31 RHODE ISLAND*
N. 7 NEW HAMPSHIRE
N. 14 FORDHAM*
N. 21 MAINE*

MID-EASTERN

BETHUNE-COOKMAN
DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.
(4–6)
S. 5 SAVANNAH STATE
S. 12 CENTRAL FLORIDA
S. 19 DELAWARE STATE*
S. 26 SAMFORD*
O. 10 HOWARD
O. 17 S. CAROLINA ST.
O. 24 ALBANY STATE*
O. 31 N. CAROLINA A&T
N. 14 NORFOLK STATE*
N. 21 MORGAN STATE
N. 28 FLORIDA A&M@
@ TAMPA

DELAWARE STATE
DOVER, DE
(8–3)
S. 5 CHEYNEY*
S. 12 YOUNGSTOWN STATE
S. 19 BETHUNE-COOKMAN
O. 10 TOWSON STATE*
O. 17 FLORIDA A&M*
O. 24 MORGAN STATE
O. 31 S. CAROLINA ST.*
N. 7 N. CAROLINA A&T*
N. 14 LIBERTY
N. 21 HOWARD

FLORIDA A&M
TALLAHASSEE, FLA.
(6–5)
S. 5 GEORGIA SO.
S. 12 S. CAROLINA ST.*
S. 19 MIAMI
S. 26 TENNESSEE STATE@
O. 3 HOWARD*
O. 10 N. CAROLINA A&T†
O. 17 DELAWARE STATE
O. 31 MORGAN STATE*
N. 7 SOUTHERN
N. 14 GRAMBLING*
N. 28 B-COOKMAN#
@ ATLANTA, GA.
† ORLANDO, # TAMPA

HOWARD
WASHINGTON, D.C.
(2–9)
S. 5 MOREHOUSE
S. 12 ALABAMA A&M
S. 19 CHEYNEY STATE
S. 26 ALCORN STATE*
O. 3 FLORIDA A&M
O. 10 B-COOKMAN*
O. 24 N. CAROLINA A&T*
O. 31 BOWIE STATE*
N. 7 S. CAROLINA STATE
N. 14 MORGAN STATE*
N. 21 DELAWARE STATE*

MORGAN STATE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
(1–10)
S. 12 LIBERTY
S. 19 N. CAROLINA A&T
S. 26 JOHNSON C. SMITH*
O. 3 BUFFALO
O. 10 SO. CAROLINA ST.
O. 17 CENTRAL STATE*
O. 24 DELAWARE STATE*
O. 31 FLORIDA A&M
N. 7 W. ILLINOIS
N. 14 HOWARD
N. 21 B-COOKMAN*

N. CAROLINA A&T
GREENSBORO, N.C.
(9–2)
S. 5 N.C. CENTRAL
S. 12 WINSTON-SALEM ST.*
S. 19 MORGAN STATE*
S. 26 LIBERTY*
O. 3 NORFOLK STATE
O. 10 FLORIDA A&M@
O. 24 HOWARD
O. 31 BETHUNE-COOKMAN*
N. 7 DELAWARE STATE
N. 14 APPALACHIAN STATE
N. 21 S. CAROLINA ST.*
@ ORLANDO

SOUTH CAROLINA ST.
ORANGEBURG, S.C.
(7–4)
S. 5 NEWBERRY
S. 12 FLORIDA A&M
S. 19 SOUTHERN@
O. 3 JACKSON STATE*
O. 10 MORGAN STATE*
O. 17 B-COOKMAN*
O. 24 N. C. CENTRAL*
O. 31 DELAWARE STATE
N. 7 HOWARD*
N. 14 CHARLESTON SO.
N. 21 N. CAROLINA A&T
@ ATLANTA, GA.

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AUSTIN PEAY
CLARKSVILLE, TENN.
(5–6)
S. 5 E. ILLINOIS*
S. 12 KNOXVILLE COL.*
S. 19 S. ILLINOIS
S. 26 SE MISSOURI
O. 3 MURRAY STATE
O. 10 MIDDLE TENNESSEE
O. 17 TENNESSEE TECH*
O. 24 TENNESSEE STATE
O. 31 MOREHEAD STATE*
N. 14 E. KENTUCKY*
N. 21 TENN.-MARTIN*

EASTERN KENTUCKY
RICHMOND, KY.
(12–2)
S. 5 W. KENTUCKY
S. 19 NE LOUISIANA*
S. 26 TENNESSEE TECH*
O. 3 SE MISSOURI*
O. 10 SAMFORD
O. 17 MIDDLE TENNESSEE
O. 24 TENN.-MARTIN
O. 31 TENNESSEE STATE*
N. 7 MURRAY STATE*
N. 14 AUSTIN PEAY
N. 21 MOREHEAD STATE

MIDDLE TENNESSEE
MURFREESBORO, TENN.
(9–4)
S. 5 TENNESSEE STATE@
S. 12 NEBRASKA
S. 26 MURRAY STATE
O. 3 N. ILLINOIS
O. 10 AUSTIN PEAY*
O. 17 E. KENTUCKY*
O. 24 SE MISSOURI
O. 31 GEORGIA SO.
N. 7 TENN.-MARTIN
N. 14 MOREHEAD STATE*
N. 21 TENNESSEE TECH*
@ VANDERBILT STADIUM

MOREHEAD STATE
MOREHEAD, KY.
(4–7)
S. 5 MARSHALL
S. 12 W. VIRGINIA ST.*
S. 26 TENN.-MARTIN
O. 3 E. TENNESSEE ST.
O. 10 TENNESSEE STATE*
O. 17 MURRAY STATE*
O. 24 TENNESSEE TECH
O. 31 AUSTIN PEAY
N. 7 SE MISSOURI*
N. 14 MIDDLE TENNESSEE
N. 21 E. KENTUCKY*

MURRAY STATE
MURRAY, KY.
(3–8)
S. 3 SE MISSOURI
S. 12 TBA
S. 19 E. ILLINOIS
S. 26 MIDDLE TENNESSEE*
O. 3 AUSTIN PEAY*
O. 10 TENN.-MARTIN
O. 17 MOREHEAD STATE
O. 31 TENNESSEE TECH*
N. 7 E. KENTUCKY
N. 14 TENNESSEE STATE*
N. 21 W. KENTUCKY*

SE MISSOURI ST.
CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.
(3–8)
S. 3 MURRAY STATE*
S. 12 S. ILLINOIS
S. 26 AUSTIN PEAY*
O. 3 E. KENTUCKY
O. 10 TENNESSEE TECH
O. 17 SAMFORD
O. 24 MIDDLE TENNESSEE*
O. 31 TENN.-MARTIN*
N. 7 MOREHEAD STATE
N. 14 ILLINOIS STATE*
N. 21 TENNESSEE STATE

TENNESSEE STATE
NASHVILLE, TENN.
(3–8)
S. 5 MIDDLE TENNESSEE*@
S. 12 JACKSON STATE†
S. 19 GRAMBLING
S. 26 FLORIDA A&M#
O. 10 MOREHEAD STATE
O. 17 TENN.-MARTIN*
O. 24 AUSTIN PEAY*
O. 31 E. KENTUCKY
N. 7 TENNESSEE TECH
N. 14 MURRAY STATE
N. 21 SE MISSOURI*
@ VANDERBILT STADIUM
† MEMPHIS, TENN.
ATLANTA, GA.

TENNESSEE TECH
COOKEVILLE, TENN.
(2–9)
S. 12 LOCK HAVEN*
S. 19 SAMFORD*
S. 26 E. KENTUCKY
O. 3 TENN.-MARTIN*
O. 10 SE MISSOURI*
O. 17 AUSTIN PEAY
O. 24 MOREHEAD STATE*
O. 31 MURRAY STATE
N. 7 TENNESSEE STATE*
N. 14 MARSHALL
N. 21 MIDDLE TENNESSEE

COLLEGE SCHEDULES

SOUTHERN

APPALACHIAN ST.
BOONE, N.C.
(8-4-0)
S. 5 N.C. STATE
S. 12 WAKE FOREST
S. 26 E. TENNESSEE ST.*
O. 3 THE CITADEL*
O. 10 JAMES MADISON
O. 17 VMI
O. 24 FURMAN*
O. 31 TENN.-CHATT.
N. 7 MARSHALL
N. 14 N. CAROLINA A&T*
N. 21 W. CAROLINA*

THE CITADEL
CHARLESTON, S.C.
(7-4)
S. 5 ARKANSAS
S. 12 WOFFORD*
S. 19 E. TENNESSEE ST.*
S. 26 ARMY
O. 3 APPALACHIAN STATE
O. 10 TENN.-CHATT.*
O. 17 MARSHALL*
O. 24 W. CAROLINA
N. 7 NEWBERRY*
N. 14 VMI*
N. 21 FURMAN

EAST TENN. ST.
JOHNSON CITY, TENN.
(1-10)
S. 5 VMI*
S. 12 MARS HILL COL.*
S. 19 THE CITADEL
S. 26 APPALACHIAN STATE
O. 3 MOREHEAD STATE*
O. 10 CHARLESTON SO.*
O. 17 LOUISIANA TECH
O. 29 FURMAN*
N. 7 TENN.-CHATT.
N. 14 W. CAROLINA
N. 21 MARSHALL*

FURMAN
GREENVILLE, S.C.
(7-4)
S. 5 LIBERTY*
S. 12 NORTH CAROLINA
S. 19 PRESBYTERIAN*
S. 26 GEORGIA SO.*
O. 3 VMI*
O. 10 MARSHALL
O. 24 APPALACHIAN STATE
O. 29 E. TENNESSEE ST.
N. 7 W. CAROLINA*
N. 14 TENN.-CHATT.
N. 21 THE CITADEL*

GEORGIA SO.
STATESBORO, GA.
(7-4)
S. 5 FLORIDA A&M*
S. 12 VALDOSTA STATE*
S. 19 SAVANNAH STATE*
S. 26 FURMAN
O. 10 GEORGIA
O. 17 JAMES MADISON*
O. 24 JACKSONVILLE ST.*
O. 31 MIDDLE TENNESSEE*
N. 7 MISSISSIPPI COL.*
N. 14 TROY STATE*
N. 21 YOUNGSTOWN STATE

MARSHALL
HUNTINGTON, W.VA.
(11-4)
S. 5 MOREHEAD STATE*
S. 12 E. ILLINOIS*
S. 19 VMI
O. 3 MISSOURI
O. 10 FURMAN*
O. 17 THE CITADEL
O. 24 TENN.-CHATT.*
O. 31 W. CAROLINA
N. 7 APPALACHIAN ST.*
N. 14 TENN. TECH*
N. 21 E. TENNESSEE ST.

TENN.-CHATT.
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
(7-4)
S. 5 BOISE STATE
S. 12 TENN.-MARTIN*
S. 26 C. ARKANSAS*
O. 3 CLEMSON
O. 10 THE CITADEL
O. 17 W. CAROLINA*
O. 24 MARSHALL
O. 31 APPALACHIAN ST.*
N. 7 E. TENNESSEE ST.*
N. 14 FURMAN*
N. 21 VMI

VMI
LEXINGTON, VA.
(4-7)
S. 5 E. TENNESSEE ST.
S. 12 WM. & MARY
S. 19 MARSHALL*
S. 26 W. VIRGINIA TECH*
O. 3 FURMAN
O. 10 W. CAROLINA
O. 17 APPALACHIAN ST.*
O. 24 RICHMOND
N. 7 WOFFORD*
N. 14 THE CITADEL
N. 21 TENN.-CHATT.*

WESTERN CAROLINA
CULLOWHEE, N.C.
(2-9)
S. 5 MARS HILL*
S. 12 GEORGIA TECH
S. 26 FERRUM*
O. 3 SAMFORD
O. 10 VMI*
O. 17 TENN.-CHATT.
O. 24 THE CITADEL*
O. 31 MARSHALL*
N. 7 FURMAN
N. 14 E. TENNESSEE ST.*
N. 21 APPALACHIAN ST.

SWAC

ALABAMA STATE
MONTGOMERY, ALA.
(10-0-1)
S. 12 SOUTHERN
S. 19 ALCORN STATE
S. 26 TROY STATE
O. 3 CENTRAL STATE
O. 10 JACKSON STATE*
O. 17 TEXAS SOUTHERN
O. 24 PRAIRIE VIEW*
O. 31 ALABAMA A&M
N. 7 GRAMBLING
N. 14 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY*
N. 26 TBA*

ALCORN STATE
LORMAN, MISS.
(7-2-1)
S. 5 GRAMBLING*
S. 12 TBA
S. 19 ALABAMA STATE*
S. 26 HOWARD
O. 3 SAM HOUSTON ST.
O. 10 TEXAS SOUTHERN*
O. 17 PRAIRIE VIEW
O. 24 SOUTHERN*
O. 31 JACKSONVILLE STATE
N. 7 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
N. 21 JACKSON STATE*

GRAMBLING
GRAMBLING, LA.
(5-6)
S. 5 ALCORN STATE
S. 12 VIRGINIA UNION
S. 19 TENNESSEE STATE*
O. 3 PRAIRIE VIEW
O. 17 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
O. 24 JACKSON STATE*
O. 31 TEXAS SOUTHERN
N. 7 ALABAMA STATE*
N. 14 FLORIDA A&M
N. 28 SOUTHERN

JACKSON STATE
JACKSON, MISS.
(5-5)
S. 5 TUSKEGEE U.*
S. 12 TENNESSEE STATE@
S. 19 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
S. 26 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY*
O. 3 S. CAROLINA ST.
O. 10 ALABAMA STATE
O. 17 SOUTHERN
O. 24 GRAMBLING
N. 7 TEXAS SOUTHERN*
N. 14 PRAIRIE VIEW*
N. 21 ALCORN STATE
@MEMPHIS

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
ITTA BENA, MISS.
(7-3-1)
S. 12 LANE COLLEGE*
S. 19 MILES COLLEGE
S. 26 JACKSON STATE
O. 3 SOUTHERN
O. 10 KNOXVILLE COLL.*
O. 17 GRAMBLING*
O. 24 TEXAS SOUTHERN
O. 31 PRAIRIE VIEW*
N. 7 ALCORN STATE*
N. 14 ALABAMA STATE
N. 21

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M
PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS
(0-11)
S. 5 TEXAS SOUTHERN
S. 12 GRAMBLING*
O. 17 ALCORN STATE*
O. 24 ALABAMA STATE
O. 31 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
N. 14 JACKSON STATE
N. 21 SOUTHERN*

SOUTHERN
BATON ROUGE, LA.
(4-7)
S. 12 ALABAMA STATE*
S. 19 S. CAROLINA ST.@
O. 3 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY*
O. 10 WINSTON SALEM
O. 17 JACKSON STATE*
O. 24 ALCORN
O. 31 NICHOLLS STATE
N. 7 FLORIDA A&M*
N. 14 TEXAS SOUTHERN*
N. 21 PRAIRIE VIEW
N. 28 GRAMBLING
@ATLANTA

TEXAS SOUTHERN
HOUSTON, TEXAS
(5-5-1)
S. 5 PRAIRIE VIEW*
S. 12 SW TEXAS STATE
S. 26 CENTRAL ST. (OHIO)
O. 3 KNOXVILLE COL.*
O. 10 ALCORN STATE
O. 17 ALABAMA STATE
O. 24 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY*
O. 31 GRAMBLING*
N. 7 JACKSON STATE
N. 14 SOUTHERN
N. 21 NEVADA

SOUTHLAND

MCNEESE STATE
LAKE CHARLES, LA.
(6-4-2)
S. 5 SW MISSOURI ST.*
S. 12 N. IOWA*
S. 19 NEVADA
S. 26 NICHOLLS STATE
O. 10 NE LOUISIANA*
O. 17 NW STATE*
O. 24 SW TEXAS STATE
O. 31 N. TEXAS ST.
N. 7 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
N. 14 SAM HOUSTON ST.*
N. 21 WEBER STATE

NE LOUISIANA
MONROE, LA.
(7-3-1)
S. 5 NICHOLLS STATE
S. 12 SW LOUISIANA
S. 19 E. KENTUCKY
S. 26 SW TEXAS ST.*
O. 3 DELTA STATE*
O. 10 MCNEESE STATE
O. 17 SAM HOUSTON ST.*
O. 24 NW STATE
N. 7 E. WASHINGTON*
N. 14 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN*
N. 21 N. TEXAS ST.

NICHOLLS STATE
THIBODAUX, LA.
(4-7)
S. 5 NE LOUISIANA*
S. 12 TEXAS A&I
S. 26 MCNEESE STATE*
O. 3 SW TEXAS STATE
O. 10 SAM HOUSTON ST.*
O. 17 C. FLORIDA
O. 24 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
O. 31 SOUTHERN*
N. 7 N. TEXAS ST.
N. 14 NW STATE
N. 21 TROY STATE*

NORTH TEXAS STATE
DENTON, TEXAS
(3-7-1)
S. 5 ABILENE CHRISTIAN*
S. 12 SMU
S. 19 SW MISSOURI ST.
S. 26 TEXAS
O. 10 NW STATE*
O. 17 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
O. 24 SAM HOUSTON ST.
O. 31 MCNEESE STATE*
N. 7 NICHOLLS STATE*
N. 14 SW TEXAS STATE
N. 21 NE LOUISIANA*

NW LOUISIANA
NATCHITOCHES, LA.
(6-5)
S. 5 MISSISSIPPI COL.*
S. 12 TROY STATE
S. 26 EAST TEXAS*
O. 3 ARKANSAS STATE
O. 10 N. TEXAS ST.
O. 17 MCNEESE ST.
O. 24 NE LOUISIANA*
O. 31 SW TEXAS ST.*
N. 7 SAM HOUSTON ST.*
N. 14 NICHOLLS ST.*
N. 21 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

SAM HOUSTON ST.
HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS
(8-3-1)
S. 12 WESTERN ILLINOIS*
S. 19 ANGELO STATE*
S. 26 RICE
O. 3 ALCORN STATE*
O. 10 NICHOLLS STATE
O. 17 NE LOUISIANA
O. 24 N. TEXAS ST.*
O. 31 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN*
N. 7 NW STATE
N. 14 MCNEESE STATE
N. 21 SW TEXAS ST.*

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS
(2-8-1)
S. 5 ARK.-MONT.*
S. 12 MONTANA STATE
S. 19 JACKSON STATE*
S. 26 BOISE STATE*
O. 10 SW TEXAS ST.
O. 17 N. TEXAS ST.*
O. 24 NICHOLLS ST.*
O. 31 SAM HOUSTON ST.
N. 7 MCNEESE STATE*
N. 14 NE LOUISIANA
N. 21 NW STATE*

SW TEXAS STATE
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS
(7-4)
S. 5 TEXAS A&I
S. 12 TEXAS SOUTHERN@
S. 19 TBA
S. 26 NE LOUISIANA
O. 3 NICHOLLS STATE*
O. 10 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN*
O. 24 MCNEESE STATE*
O. 31 NW STATE
N. 7 PRAIRIE VIEW
N. 14 N. TEXAS ST.*
N. 21 SAM HOUSTON ST
@SAN ANTONIO

GATEWAY

EASTERN ILLINOIS
CHARLESTON, ILL.
(4-7)
S. 5 AUSTIN PEAY
S. 12 MARSHALL
S. 19 MURRAY STATE*
S. 26 ILLINOIS STATE
O. 3 S. ILLINOIS*
O. 10 INDIANA STATE*
O. 17 W. ILLINOIS
O. 24 SW MISSOURI ST.
O. 31 YOUNGSTOWN STATE
N. 7 N. IOWA*
N. 14 W. KENTUCKY*

ILLINOIS STATE
NORMAL, ILL.
(5-6)
S. 5 SW MINN. STATE*
S. 12 N. ILLINOIS
S. 19 INDIANA STATE*
S. 26 E. ILLINOIS*
O. 3 N. IOWA
O. 10 YOUNGSTOWN STATE
O. 17 SW MISSOURI ST.*
O. 24 S. ILLINOIS*
O. 31 W. ILLINOIS
N. 7 W. KENTUCKY*
N. 14 SE MISSOURI STATE

INDIANA STATE
TERRE HAUTE, IND.
(5-6)
S. 5 OKLAHOMA STATE
S. 12 W. KENTUCKY
S. 19 ILLINOIS STATE
S. 26 LOCK HAVEN*
O. 3 YOUNGSTOWN ST.*
O. 10 E. ILLINOIS
O. 17 GLENVILLE ST.*
O. 24 W. ILLINOIS
O. 31 N. IOWA*
N. 14 SW MISSOURI ST.*
N. 21 S. ILLINOIS

NORTHERN IOWA
CEDAR FALLS, IOWA
(11-1)
S. 12 MCNEESE STATE
S. 19 IDAHO STATE*
S. 26 IOWA STATE
O. 3 ILLINOIS STATE*
O. 17 S. ILLINOIS
O. 24 IDAHO*
O. 31 INDIANA STATE
N. 7 E. ILLINOIS
N. 14 W. ILLINOIS*
N. 21 SW MISSOURI ST.*

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
CARBONDALE, ILL.
(7-4)
S. 5 TROY STATE*
S. 12 SE MISSOURI ST.*
S. 19 AUSTIN PEAY*
S. 26 ARKANSAS STATE
O. 3 E. ILLINOIS
O. 10 W. ILLINOIS*
O. 17 N. IOWA*
O. 24 ILLINOIS STATE
O. 29 W. KENTUCKY
N. 7 SW MISSOURI ST.
N. 21 INDIANA STATE*

SW MISSOURI ST.
SPRINGFIELD, MO.
(10-1-1)
S. 5 MCNEESE STATE
S. 12 WASHBURN U.*
S. 19 N. TEXAS ST.*
O. 3 W. ILLINOIS*
O. 10 TULSA
O. 17 ILLINOIS STATE
O. 24 E. ILLINOIS*
N. 7 S. ILLINOIS*
N. 14 INDIANA STATE
N. 21 N. IOWA

WESTERN ILLINOIS
MACOMB, ILL.
(7-4-1)
S. 5 MISSOURI WESTERN*
S. 12 SAM HOUSTON STATE
S. 19 W. KENTUCKY*
S. 26 C. FLORIDA*
O. 3 SW MISSOURI ST.
O. 10 S. ILLINOIS
O. 17 E. ILLINOIS*
O. 24 INDIANA STATE*
O. 31 ILLINOIS STATE*
N. 7 MORGAN STATE*
N. 14 N. IOWA

I-AA IND.

CENTRAL FLORIDA
ORLANDO, FLA.
(6-5)
S. 5 GARDNER-WEBB*
S. 12 B-COOKMAN*
S. 19 TROY STATE*
S. 26 W. ILLINOIS
O. 3 SAVANNAH STATE*
O. 17 NICHOLLS STATE*
O. 24 W. KENTUCKY
O. 31 LIBERTY
N. 7 BUFFALO*
N. 14 JAMES MADISON*
N. 21 SAMFORD

JAMES MADISON
HARRISONBURG, VA.
(9-3)
S. 5 VIRGINIA TECH
S. 12 RICHMOND
S. 19 HOFSTRA*
S. 26 YOUNGSTOWN ST.
O. 3 NORTHEASTERN*
O. 10 APPALACHIAN ST.*
O. 17 GEORGIA SO.
O. 24 TOWSON STATE
O. 31 WM. & MARY*
N. 7 LIBERTY*
N. 14 C. FLORIDA

LIBERTY
LYNCHBURG, VA.
(4-7)
S. 5 FURMAN
S. 12 MORGAN STATE*
S. 19 CONCORD*
S. 26 N. CAROLINA A&T
O. 3 TOWSON STATE
O. 24 N. ILLINOIS
O. 31 C. FLORIDA*
N. 7 JAMES MADISON
N. 14 DELAWARE STATE*
N. 21 KUTZTOWN*

NORTHEASTERN
BOSTON, MASS.
(4-7)
S. 12 N. ARIZONA
S. 19 MAINE
S. 26 CONNECTICUT*
O. 3 JAMES MADISON
O. 10 LEHIGH*
O. 17 YOUNGSTOWN ST.*
O. 24 NEW HAMPSHIRE
O. 31 MASSACHUSETTS
N. 7 RHODE ISLAND*
N. 14 TOWSON STATE
N. 21 BOSTON U.

SAMFORD
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
(11-1)
S. 5 WEST GEORGIA*
S. 12 AUBURN
S. 19 TENNESSEE TECH
S. 26 B-COOKMAN
O. 3 W. CAROLINA*
O. 10 E. KENTUCKY*
O. 17 SE MISSOURI ST.*
O. 31 UAB*
N. 7 TROY STATE
N. 14 TENN.-MARTIN
N. 21 C. FLORIDA*

TOWSON STATE
TOWSON, MARYLAND
(1-10)
S. 12 RHODE ISLAND
S. 19 BUCKNELL*
S. 26 HOFSTRA*
O. 3 LIBERTY*
O. 10 DELAWARE STATE
O. 17 WM. & MARY
O. 24 JAMES MADISON*
O. 31 INDIANA (PA)
N. 14 NORTHEASTERN*
N. 21 DELAWARE

WEST. KENTUCKY
BOWLING GREEN, KY.
(3-8)
S. 5 E. KENTUCKY*
S. 12 INDIANA STATE*
S. 19 WESTERN ILLINOIS
S. 26 SW LOUISIANA
O. 24 CENTRAL FLORIDA*
O. 29 S. ILLINOIS*
N. 7 ILLINOIS STATE
N. 14 E. ILLINOIS
N. 21 MURRAY STATE

WILLIAM & MARY
WILLIAMSBURG, VA.
(5-6)
S. 12 VMI*
S. 19 BOSTON U.*
S. 26 HARVARD
O. 3 BROWN*
O. 10 PENNSYLVANIA
O. 17 TOWSON STATE*
O. 24 VIRGINIA
O. 31 JAMES MADISON
N. 7 COLGATE
N. 14 LEHIGH*
N. 21 RICHMOND

YOUNGSTOWN STATE
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO
(12-3)
S. 5 CLARION U.*
S. 12 DELAWARE STATE*
S. 26 JAMES MADISON*
O. 3 INDIANA ST.
O. 10 ILLINOIS STATE*
O. 17 NORTHEASTERN
O. 24 LIBERTY
O. 31 E. ILLINOIS*
N. 7 OHIO
N. 14 AKRON
N. 21 GEORGIA SO.*



Memories of a Lost Art

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American football has been played 123 years. The first 65 featured an art that is almost extinct now: dropkicking.

It was easy. The ball was fat in the middle, round on the ends, like an egg. Then the rules committee changed the size of the ball. It became slimmer in the middle and pointed on the ends. The new ball was great for passing but bad for dropkicking.

The memories live. Great dropkickers are still remembered.

In 1883 Alexander Moffatt of Princeton dropkicked two field goals left-footed and two right-footed against Harvard—from an average of 40 yards away. He also placekicked a field goal. Moffatt was indeed versatile; he invented the spiral punt.

Along came Pat O'Dea of Wisconsin, who sometimes drop-kicked on the run. In 1897 he drop-kicked a 60-yarder against the University of Chicago; in 1898 a 62-yarder against Northwestern in a snowstorm; in 1899 a 60-yarder against Minnesota; also in 1899 a 60-yard placekick against Minnesota and a 100-yard punt against Yale. O'Dea reportedly drop-kicked an 85-yard field goal in practice.

Charlie Brickley of Harvard was a hero in his time. In 1913 he beat Yale 15–5 with four dropkicked field goals from 38, 26, 21 and 20 yards, and a placekick from 40 yards.

George Gipp, the Notre Dame legend, stands out in a 1916 episode. Gipp played for the freshman team against Western State Normal (now Western Michigan), and the score was 0–0 with the game almost over. It was fourth down, and Notre Dame lined up in punt formation with Gipp back. The opponents thought he was going to punt. So did his teammates.

Gipp hadn't told anyone but he had decided to try a dropkick. He did—62 yards—and Notre Dame won 3–0.

Christy Mathewson and Mickey Cochrane, two of the most prominent members of the Baseball Hall of Fame, once were famous college football players.

Cochrane captained the Boston University team in 1923 and drop-kicked a 52-yard field goal against Brown.

Mathewson, playing for Bucknell, broke up a scoreless duel with the winning dropkick against Lehigh on Oct. 14, 1889. Against Army in 1900 he drop-kicked a field goal of 48 yards from a difficult angle. Walter Camp, known as the Father of American football, called him the greatest dropkicker in the game. Today, Bucknell plays its football games at Christy Mathewson Memorial Stadium.

Great dropkicks are weighted with drama. In 1899 Arthur Poe of Princeton made a 35-yarder, the first he ever attempted, with 36 seconds left—field goals counted five points then—to beat Yale 11–10. On Nov. 21, 1931, Albie Booth drop-kicked a late-game field goal giving Yale a 3–0 victory over Harvard. He later said that was his greatest thrill in football. Booth's climatic play had a follow-up in another sport six months later. He hit a ninth-inning, grand-slam home run to defeat Harvard 4–2.

In 1939 Iowa edged Notre Dame 7–6 in what may have been the game of the year; Nile Kinnick scored the Iowa touchdown, then dropkicked the winning point.

Field goals by Ed Garbisch helped Army to two victories over Navy. In 1922 he placekicked a 3-pointer, providing the decisive points in a 17–14 game. In 1924 his four drop-kicked field goals accounted for all the points in a 12–0 win. The goals were 42, 28, 21 and 20 yards. He missed four from 45, 42, 35 and 31 yards.

Here is a chronology of other significant dropkicks:

1900—Howard Robertson, Purdue, dropkicked six field goals against Rose Poly.

1905—Walter Eckersall, Chicago, drop-kicked five field goals against Illinois.

1906—Eckersall did it again, five against Nebraska.

1910—Illinois won three 3–0 games over Chicago, Indiana and Syracuse, all on dropkicks by Otto Seiler. This enabled Illinois to finish unbeaten, untied and unscored upon.

1915—Mark Payne, Dakota Wesleyan, dropkicked a ball 63 yards Oct. 16 against Northwest Normal. This is the record for distance. Villanova beat Ursinus 3–0, Muhlenberg 9–6 and Army 16–13, all on dropkicks by Charles McGuckin.

1917—Centre triumphed over Kentucky 3–0 on Bo McMillin's (1921 All-America quarterback) dropkick.

1920—A.R. "Buck" Flowers, Georgia Tech, drop-kicked 14 field goals for the season.

1922—Herb Covington, Centre, drop-kicked six field goals on Oct. 28 as the Praying Colonels trounced Louisville 32–7.

1923—John Pence, Coe College, drop-kicked goals of 59 and 45 yards against Drake, 45 and 41 against Wisconsin.

With the new, slimmer ball in 1934, dropkicks became rare. But in 1940 at Syracuse, the regular placekicker was practicing. He had been assigned as caddy Leland "Bunky" Morris, who was supposed to throw the ball back after the placekicker did his work. Morris, instead, dropkicked it. An assistant coach, Bud Wilkinson, reported this to the head man, Ossie Solem. Morris was encouraged to keep at it. On Oct. 25, Syracuse beat Columbia 3–0 on a Morris dropkick with 20 seconds to play.

The record for most field goals dropkicked in a game is 17, by Forrest "Frosty" Peters of the Montana State freshmen against Billings Poly (now Rocky Mountain College) in 1924. He was an Illinois quarterback in the late 1920s.

I once interviewed Peters, and he said that was actually only his second-best performance. "I played pro ball with Brooklyn in the NFL in 1931," he said. "The Hearst newspapers in New York had a Milk Fund to raise money for the needy. They put on special events, and one of them was a football game at which I gave a dropkicking exhibition.

"They brought out six balls to the 50-yard line. I drop-kicked three over the north goal, then turned and drop-kicked three over the south goal posts. Six for six from the 50. Those goals I made in 1924 were all short ones."

The last man to drop-kick any kind of a point in pro football was Joe Vetrano of the San Francisco 49ers on Oct. 9, 1949, against the Cleveland Browns. San Francisco won 56–28, scoring eight touchdowns. After the third touchdown Vetrano was to attempt the extra point with a placekick. The holder fumbled the ball. Vetrano picked it up and drop-kicked the point.

The last successful dropkick in a college game appears to have been Sept. 28, 1957. Pacific Lutheran defeated Puget Sound 7–6 on a dropkicked extra point by Tommy Gilmer.

An effort was made to duplicate this Sept. 21, 1991, in a game between two Pennsylvania colleges, Mercyhurst and Gannon. The Mercyhurst coach, Jim Chapman, had a trick play. His team would line up for the extra point with Dominic Congemi positioned as the placekicker. Just before the ball was snapped, the holder would go in motion. If the defense didn't cover him, Congemi would throw him a pass. If the defense covered, he would drop-kick.

The play was tried twice. The defense covered and Congemi attempted dropkicks. He missed both. The play never was tried again. Mercyhurst won the game 40–7.

The last successful dropkick in a high school game apparently was made in 1986 in Ohio. Blancheser downed Ross 9–6 on a last-minute, 35-yard dropkick by Rick Rice.

Dropkicks have had profound effects on the rules committee. In 1911 Wallace DeWitt of Princeton tried one against Dartmouth. The ball landed on the ground and bounced over. Three points. That winter the rules body acted. Bounces don't count any more.

Another incident involved Vin Draddy, former chairman of the National Football Hall of Fame and Football Foundation, and Bill Morton, a Hall of Fame player. Draddy starred at Manhattan College, Morton at Dartmouth.

In 1925 they were teammates on the high school team at New Rochelle, N.Y. Came the big game with Yonkers and Morton was out with an injury. He watched the game from a seat in the stands.

With the score tied 6–6 late in the final period, Draddy, the New Rochelle captain, called time. He went to the sideline and motioned for Morton to come on the field. Wearing street clothes, Morton drop-kicked a field goal to win the game.

Again the rules committee went into action, deciding that anybody who plays in a football game must wear a football uniform. ■

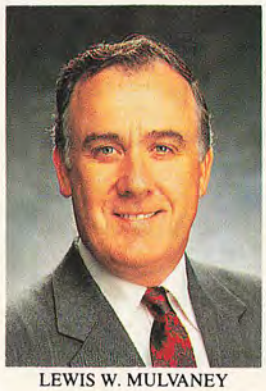
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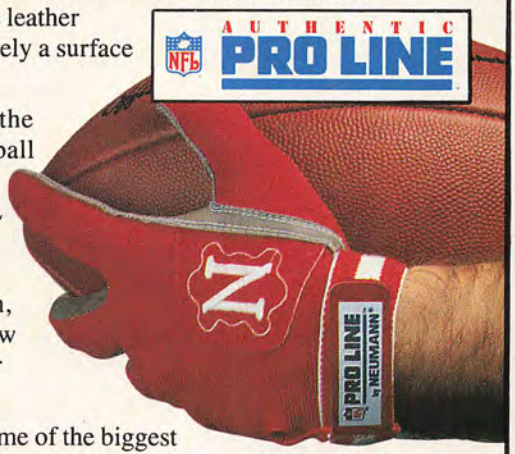
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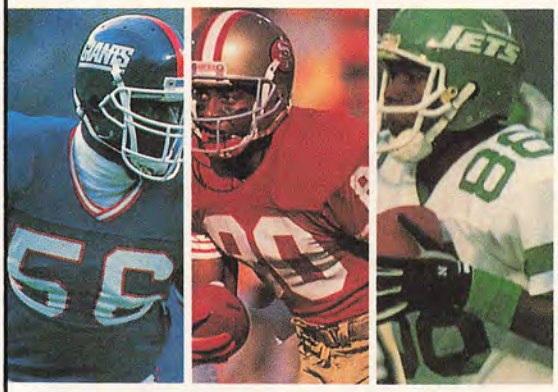


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Rick Mirer was his own personal Western Union the day he decided to return to quarterback Notre Dame one final season instead of opting for the gold and potential glory of the National Football League.

Listen, now, as his coach and sometimes confidant, Lou Holtz, ticks off the signals that Mirer sent:

- "I think he sent a tremendous message on what the value of an education is."
- "I think he also sent a strong message to people about making a commitment and keeping one's word."
- "I think he also sent a tremendous message to our players that he wanted to win a national championship, and he hasn't done that."

"The bottom line is, I wanted to be happy and accomplish all the goals I set for myself," Mirer says. "I still haven't graduated, and I still haven't won a national championship, and those are the two big things remaining here for me. I wasn't quite ready to step out of this place yet. It's not bad being a kid, you know. I'm in no hurry to move on up."

It wasn't that Holtz would have been sending his own message—an SOS—if Mirer had chosen to forgo his senior year. The institution that is Notre Dame football doesn't rise or fall on one player, even one of Mirer's importance. But his return does give the Irish a realistic shot at winning the only championship their football team ever aspires to.

Any chance of winning the big trophy in 1991 slipped out of their grasp in the final minutes of a 35–34 loss to Tennessee and a subsequent 35–13 trouncing by Penn State.

"At halftime of the 10th game (Tennessee) we had a very legitimate chance of winning the national championship," Holtz says.

A resounding 39–28 comeback victory over third-ranked Florida in the USF&G Sugar Bowl lifted the 10–3 Irish—whose other loss was 24–14 to Michigan—to ninth in *Athlon*'s final Top 20.

"Barring injury, I think I can have a good year," says Mirer. "The rest will come in time. Winning championships is what a quarterback is supposed to do. We've won games, but we haven't won championships. That's the way I want to finish."

Mirer's stats over 12 regular-season games last season were eye-popping. He completed 132 of 234 passes for 2,117 yards and 18 touchdowns, and threw just 10 interceptions. He rushed 75 times for 306 yards and nine TDs. Mirer's career total of 4,121 passing yards is identical to what the ultimate pro quarterback, Joe Montana, amassed in his Notre Dame career.

Yet there is room for improvement.

"A quarterback is supposed to win games no matter what it takes," says Mirer. "Running the ball, throwing, making good decisions. There are people who question why we don't throw more, or if I can throw. I'm not looking to answer the questions. There are so many great players here that I don't have to worry about carrying the load. I don't think I'm flawless, by any means. But I think fundamentally I'm in good shape."

Holtz knows how good a quarterback Mirer can be if he ever reaches his potential. "I think you'll see him throwing the deep ball a little better," Holtz says. "He'll have a better understanding of the game. You'll see better footwork. The biggest areas he needs some improvement in are being able to dump the ball off and finding the holes around the linemen and center for the delays."

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If there is a hole in the Irish, it will be in the defense, despite the return of 10 full-time starters. Of 23 different players who started on defense at least once last season, 19 return.

"We had some problems on defense last year," says Holtz. "That's where you've got to be outstanding. The key is going to be the improvement of our front seven. I think we've got some continuity on offense—lose one player and another steps foward. We've not had that continuity and confidence on defense."

All told, 16 full-time starters return for '92. Missing on offense are center Gene McGuire, guard Mirko Jurkovic, split end Tony Smith, tight end Derek Brown and tailback Rodney Culver. With Tony Brooks, who started four games and gained 894 yards to Culver's 550, also departing, the tailback slot lost 1,444 rushing yards and seven touchdowns. The Irish are particularly short in tailback experience.

"But I think Lee Becton and Reggie Brooks and a guy named Willie Clark will give us a lift," says Holtz.

Brooks, a senior, played cornerback as a sophomore but ran 18 times for 122 yards and two touchdowns as the No. 3 tailback last season. Becton, a sophomore, played a total of a quarter.

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Running or throwing, Rick Mirer poses an ongoing threat to opponents of the Fighting Irish.


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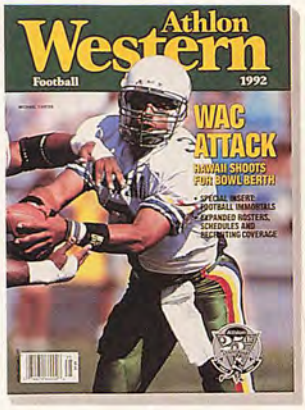


















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Clark, a junior, started eight games at free safety but is a burner in the Rocket Ismail mode. "I think he might give us a game breaker at tailback, which we haven't had," Holtz says.

There's no hole to fill at fullback. With 168 carries for 972 yards and 16 touchdowns, and 17 receptions for 190 yards and four TDs, Jerome Bettis set Notre Dame single-season records for touchdowns and points. He turned the final period of the Sugar Bowl into a personal tour de force, scoring three touchdowns on runs of 4, 49 and 39 yards in less than three minutes. Bettis gained 150 yards for the game and was voted bowl MVP. Factor in his ability as a blocker and it's plain to see why he shared team MVP honors with Mirer. He gives Notre Dame opponents a great deal to think about.

"He's a big reason I don't have to worry about carrying the load myself," says Mirer. "Whether it's handing off to Jerome, throwing it out wide, getting it to the tight ends or giving it to the tailbacks—there are just so many people here who can move the ball."

It starts with the movers and shakers upfront. Solidifying the front are tackles Justin Hall (6–4, 297) and Lindsay Knapp (6–6, 271). They're fifth-year seniors. This will be Hall's third starting season. Junior guard Aaron Taylor (6–4, 294) is another returning starter.

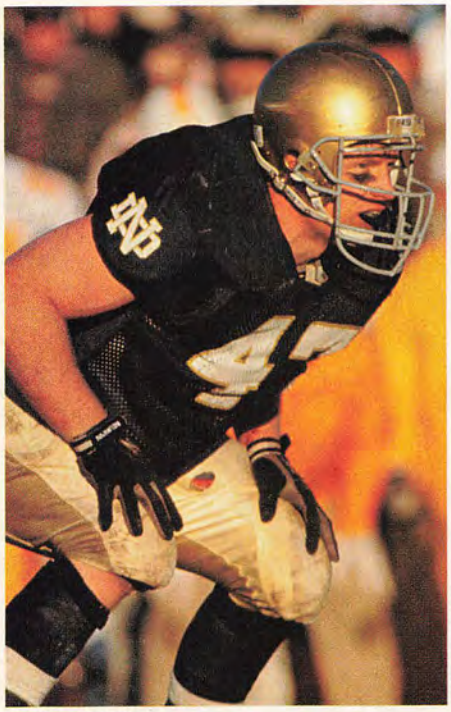
Slated to move in at center is junior Tim Ruddy (6–3, 278), who started twice last season at guard. At the other guard spot, senior Todd Norman (6–6, 289) is penciled in. He started three games last season at tackle.

Mirer's targets will be mostly fresh-faced. Brown left an All-American hole at tight end and Smith was a two-year starter at split end. They represented 1,114 reception yards and eight touchdowns.

But Lake Dawson averaged 18 yards on 24 catches as a sophomore starter at flanker and senior Irv Smith (6–4, 246), who inherits Brown's tight-end slot, caught six passes for 86 yards and three touchdowns. Both Dawson and Smith had touchdown catches against Florida.

Still, it is on defense, in Holtz's opinion, where the Irish must excel. "Getting better fundamentally is the key, and we didn't do that last season as consistently as we'd like," he says. "I thought our secondary played well, and most of them were just sophomores. Our inside linebackers are extremely talented. Our outside linebackers can be good. But the line has got to improve."

A glance at last season's defensive stats is sobering. The Irish gave up an average of 382.3 yards and 21.8 points. They posted just one shutout, against Navy. The three final regular-season opponents, Tennessee, Penn State and Hawaii (a 48–42 loser), scored 112 points.



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PETE BERCICH

After the season, two-year defensive coordinator Gary Darnell left to become assistant head coach at Texas, and defensive line coach Dick Bumpas landed at Utah State as defensive coordinator.

Former Ball State assistant head coach-defensive coordinator Rick Minter succeeds Darnell, and ex-Colorado State defensive line coach Mike Trgovac takes over for Bumpas. Joe Wessel, a volunteer assistant in '91, becomes a full-time defensive ends coach. Obviously, Holtz is very serious about getting the defense up to snuff.

"We've had some coaching changes on defense and I'm not going to sit here and say we'll be outstanding," Holtz says. "I'm just saying the defense is going to go a long way toward determining how good we're going to be."

On the face of it, the Irish must replace only Rod Smith at strong safety. But it isn't quite that simple. Junior middle guard Bryant Young (6–3, 271) and senior tackle Eric Jones (6–5, 254) went out with ankle injuries in the seventh game. Young missed two weeks and Jones the rest of the season. They must return to form. Junior Bryant (6–5, 263), a senior, also returns at tackle.

Senior ends Devon McDonald (6–4, 241), the only member of the front seven to start every game, and Karmeeleyah McGill (6–3, 224) totaled 75 tackles between them. But McGill did not become a starter until the last game of the season.

The linebackers are a plus. Senior Demetrius DuBose (6–2, 234) and junior Pete Bercich (6–1, 230), 1991 starters, return, and junior Jim Flanigan (6–2, 247) heads up a group of hopefuls. There were 232 tackles among the top three alone, 127 by Dubose.

Opposing passers treated cornerback Tom Carter like a bad case of the flu during a standout sophomore season in which he swiped five passes. Junior Jeff Burris started all 13 games in the secondary in '91 and will now take over free safety full-time. Junior John Covington, who started five times at outside linebacker, moves to strong safety. Junior Greg Lane, a part-time starter the last two years, is in the corner opposite Carter.

The kicking game will be in good shape if punter-placekicker Craig Hentrich recovers from knee surgery. Burris, Clark, Brooks and junior Clint Johnson are competent kick returners.

As always, the pressure will be on Notre Dame. But the focus will be on Mirer, who is compared most often to former Irish All-American Tom Clements. To complete the picture, Clements is the new quarterbacks coach.

"We're going to try to throw a little more," says Mirer. "Not because I need to, but because it keeps defenses honest. Hopefully, Coach Clements can help me get better. There are a lot of things he can pass on to me." ■

DEMETRIUS DUBOSE



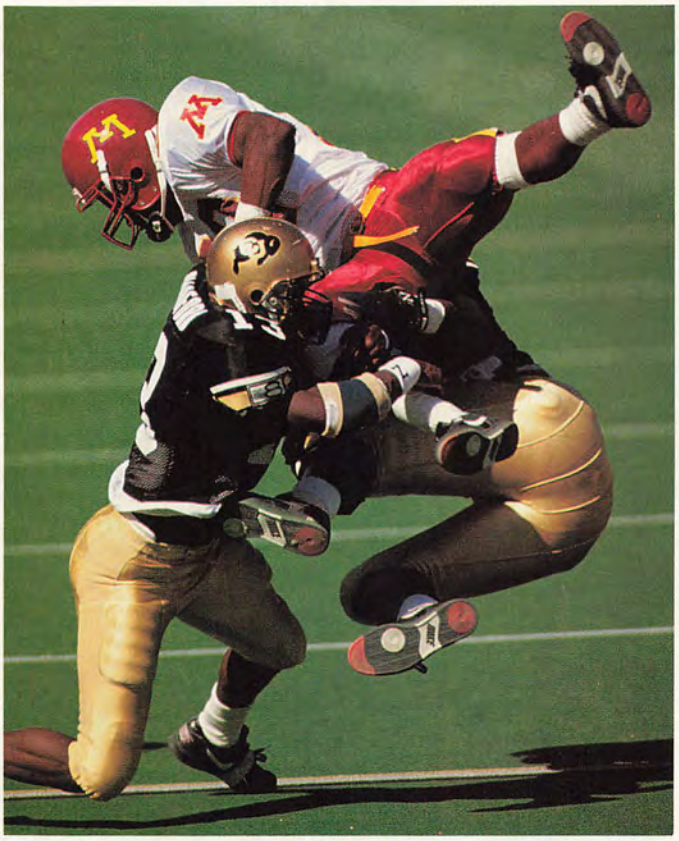
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The Pause That Refreshes

What football fan doesn't need occasional relief from the field-goal attempt that misses by inches, the fumble on the goal line or the left tackle who causes three straight illegal-procedure penalties? That said, *Athlon* offers some sights that should be of solace.

Although LSU's football program has been somewhat down the last three seasons, school spirit remains high. Shielagh M. Harding (below), a junior math education major, is a band member and dance enthusiast. Ole Miss majorette Kristi Lyn Addis (right) is studying broadcast journalism. Watch out, Paul Harvey.



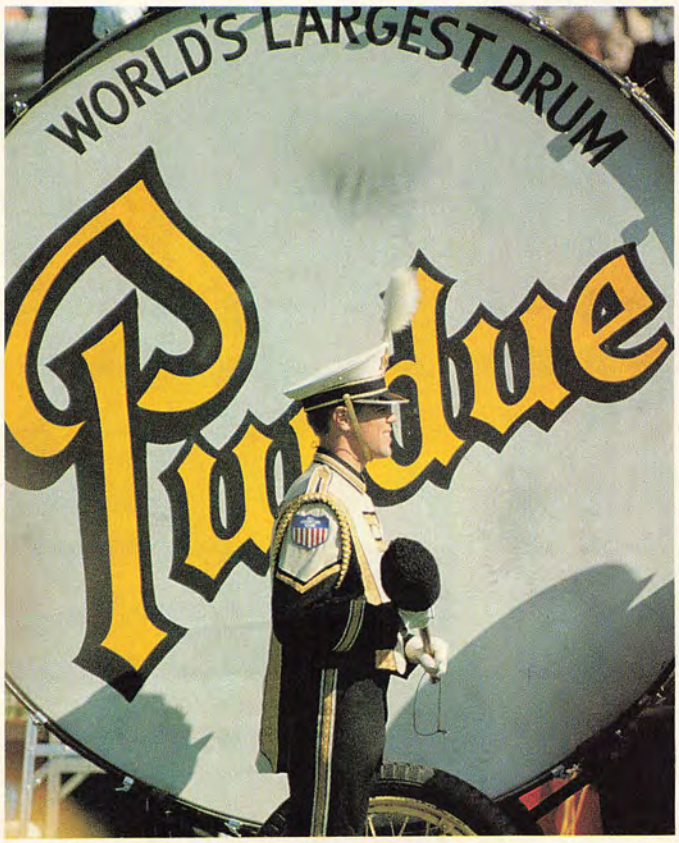
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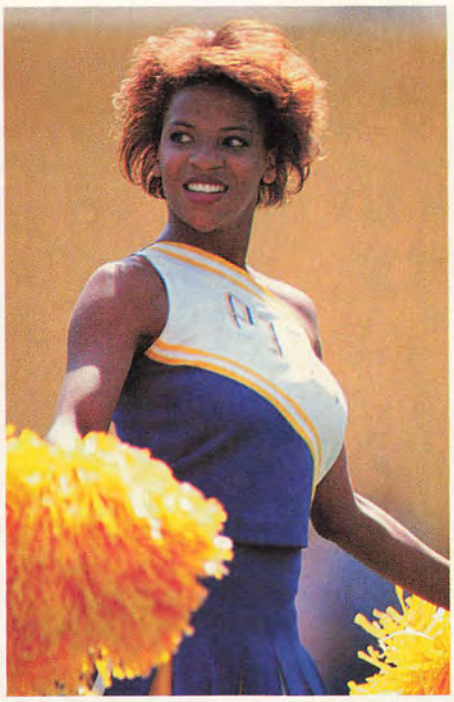


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Finance major Missy Grim (top) supports the Big Blue of Kentucky with aplomb. Purdue's David Laurence Needham (left) pounds the world's largest bass drum when he's not studying aeronautical technology. Daredevilish Ressie Pate (above) is a Texas Longhorn who enjoys skydiving and roller-blading.



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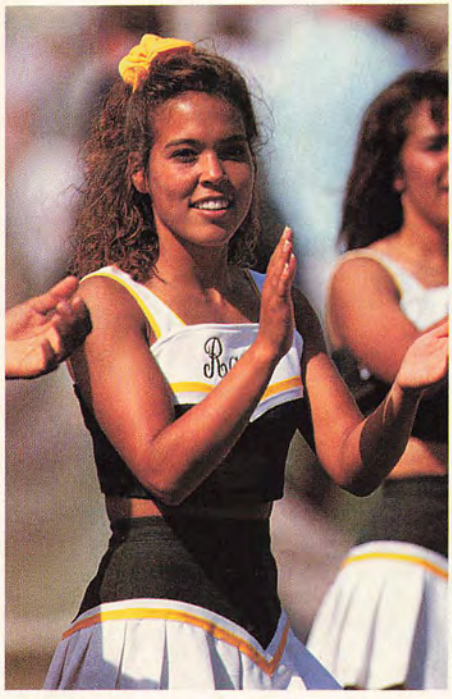


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Vanderbilt's Kirstin Leonard (left), Pittsburgh's Kelly Settles (middle) and Southern Cal's Sandee Heeres (right) add excitement to the college game. The trio is majoring in communications, psychology and business respectively.



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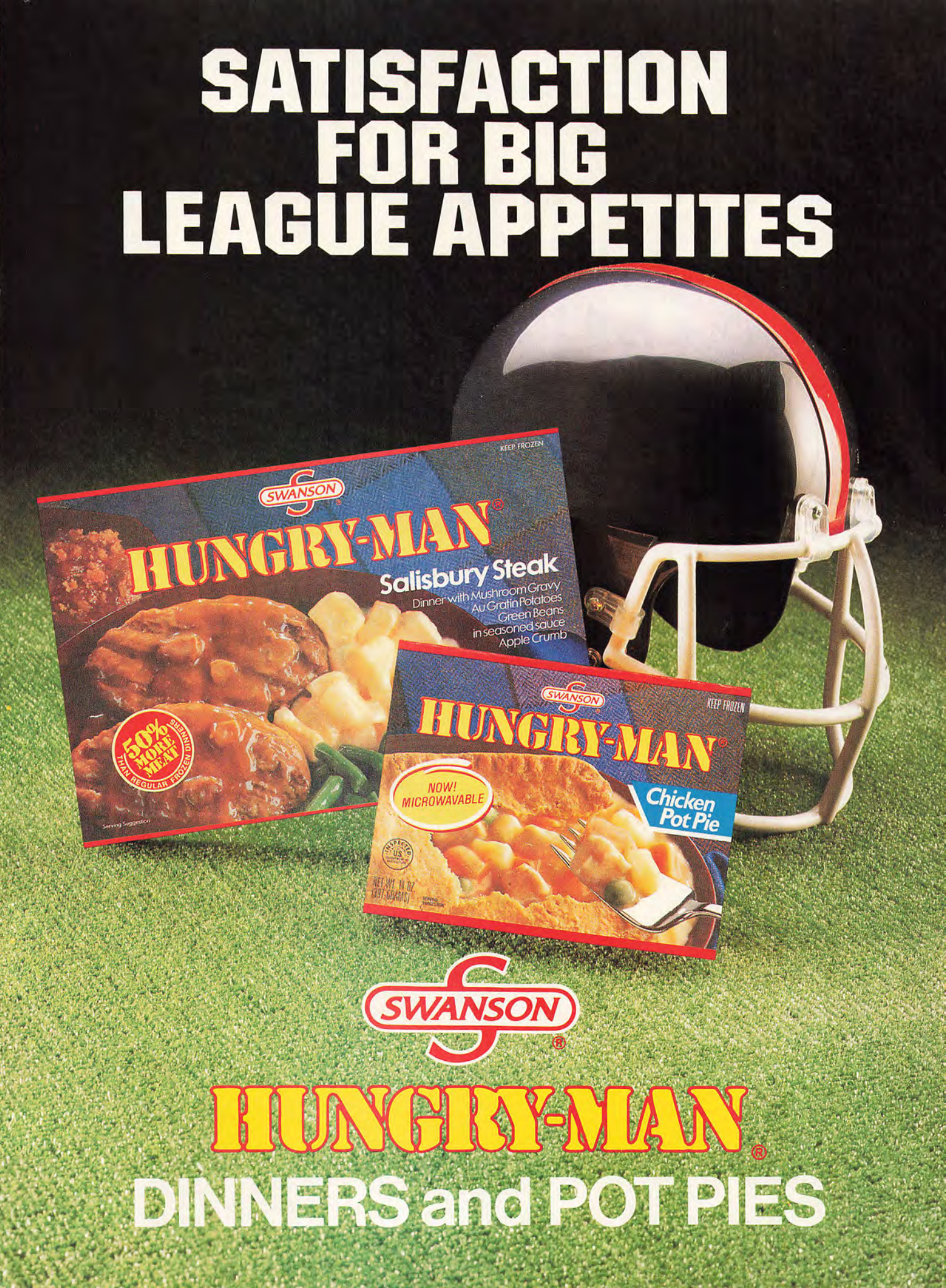
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CHARLES CUPPETT

Colorado State's football fortunes are on the upswing, and senior Shayla Rodriguez (left) is one of the reasons. Vaughn Dunbar may be gone but this diminutive Indiana supporter (center) remains. Penn State will need some significant backing this season. Jennifer Brennan (right) will offer such.

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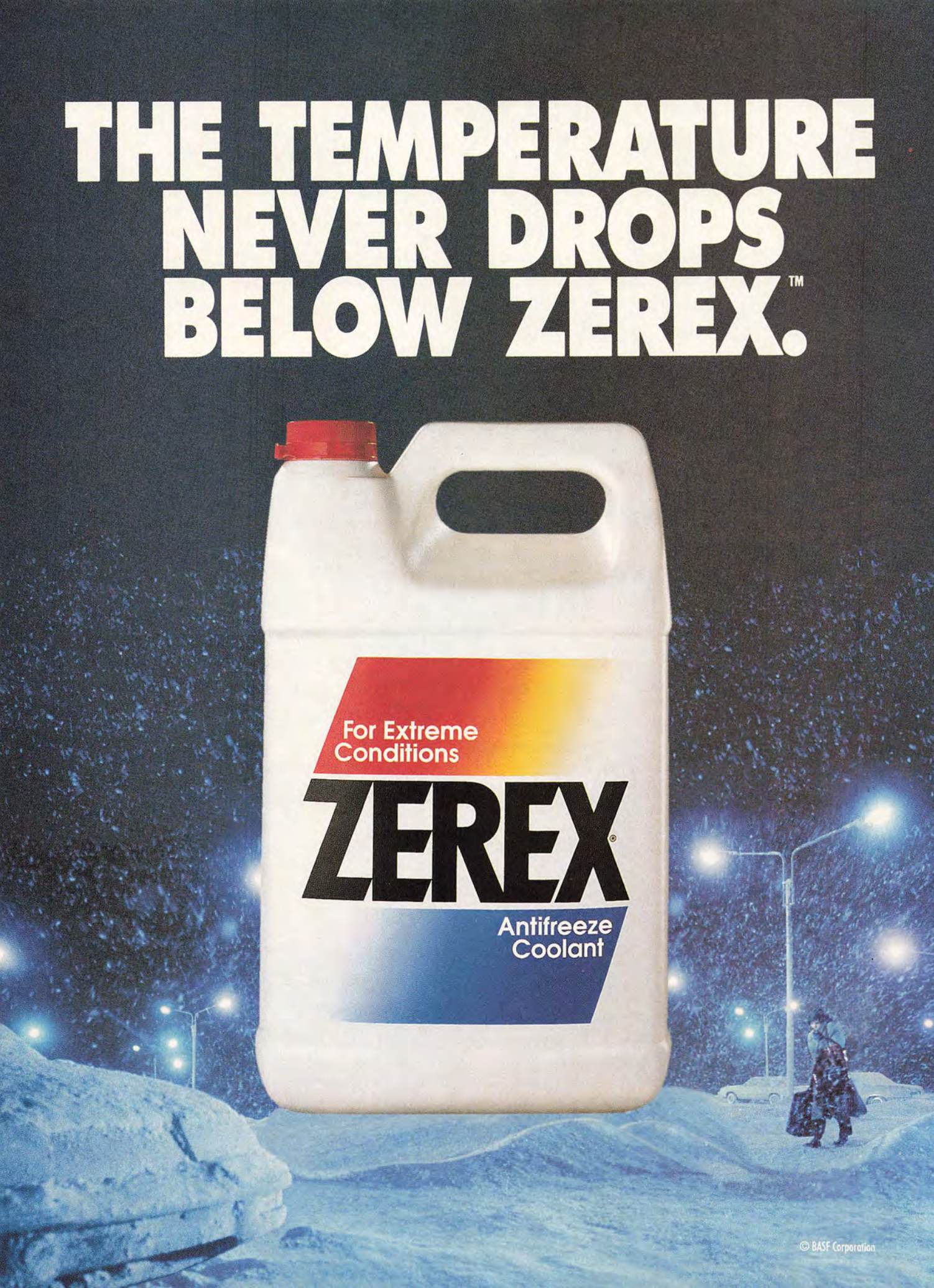


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Kansas football foes will face an improving Jayhawks team and sideline spirit from (top, three middle ladies from left) Heather Brown, Karin Lawson and Sheri Villines. Brooke Wiggins (left) of Clemson is skilled in gymnastics and will soar to uncharted skies to root for the high-flying Tigers. Virginia's Julie Overfield (above) hopes to enter law school after graduation, but for now she will defend the Cavaliers.

Make Way for Marshall

By RICK BAILEY
Lexington Herald-Leader

Maybe Jim Tressel knew. But the coach of the Youngstown State Penguins wasn't talking.

Who knew what the 13th-ranked team, an underdog from the start, would do in the 1991 NCAA Division I-AA playoffs? But Villanova, Nevada and Samford fell in order, and Marshall became the final victim, losing 25–17 in the championship game.

"I could see us getting better, and when you're on an upswing at the end of the season, you have a chance," Tressel says. "We weren't the pretournament pick but that's what made it special."

A year ago, Tressel relied on the leadership of his seniors, including All-America middle guard Pat Danko and quarterback Ray Isaac.

This fall, Tressel will depend on such key personnel as tailback Tamron Smith, offensive lineman Craig Kertesz, defensive lineman Chris Vecchione, linebacker Marcus Evans and free safety Dave Roberts.

But Youngstown State (12–3) knows its crown will be challenged, perhaps first and foremost by Marshall (11–4).

"We have a solid nucleus returning," says Marshall coach Jim Donnan. Especially quarterback Michael Payton, who set a Division I-AA record for passing efficiency, made The Associated Press All-America second team and was the Southern Conference's Offensive Player of the Year.

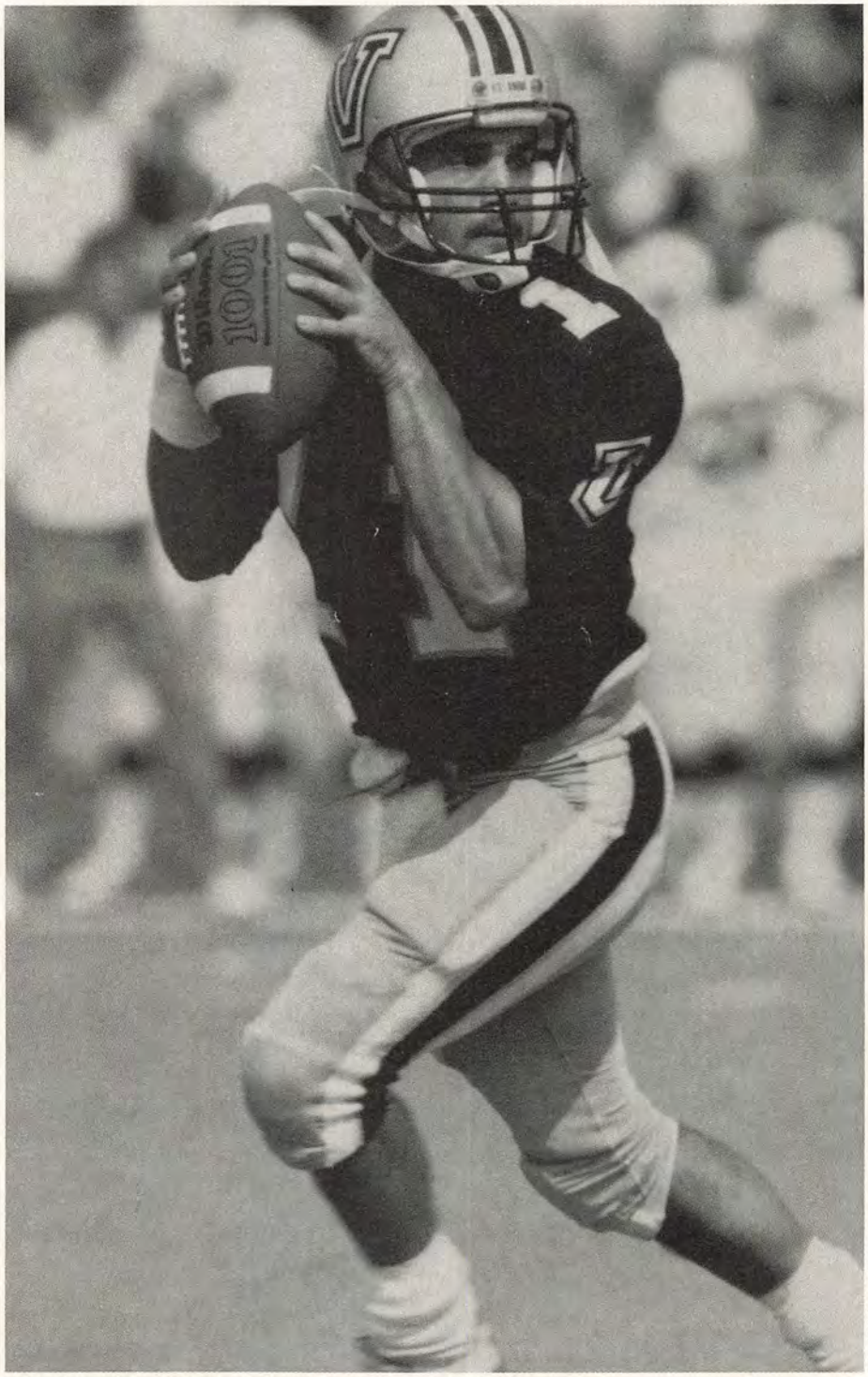
One of Payton's primary receivers is sophomore Troy Brown, who also returned three kickoffs for touchdowns. All-America guard Phil Ratliff anchors the offensive line. "He's a converted defensive player who has a chance to be a pro player," Donnan says.

The defensive front and linebacking corps also are strengths. Nose guard Keenan Rhodes is available after an injury. Donahue Stephenson and Shannon King return at linebacker.

Other Southern Conference contenders include defending champion Appalachian State, Furman, The Citadel and Tennessee-Chattanooga. Appalachian State (8–4) returns All-America punter Harold Alexander, second team All-America linebacker and conference Defensive Player of the Year Rico Mack, quarterback D.J. Campbell and sophomore running back Chip Hooks.

Furman (7–4) veterans include Carl Tremble, the Paladins' leading career runner, and quarterback Hugh Swilling.

Yankee Conference tri-champion Villanova (10–2) will challenge Marshall at the top. The



VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

With Colombo, Villanova looks to solve the national title mystery.

Wildcats return nine starters from the unit that led the nation in scoring defense. That includes All-America linebacker Curtis Eller, the league's top defender. "The consummate inside linebacker," coach Andy Talley calls Eller.

Tackle Chris Grychowski anchors the line, Andy Cobaugh "makes plays all over the place" and free safety Barry Alvis is "a great pass defender," Talley says. Quarterback Tom Colombo leads eight returning starters on offense. Vernon Smith returns at tailback. Redshirt freshman Eric Hunt, "the best prospect ever recruited at Villanova" according to his coach, and Kevin Mosley will contest with Smith for his job.

A field goal with six seconds left—after a "Hail Mary" pass—allowed Youngstown State to edge Villanova 17–16 in the first round a year ago. Talley says, "We're really hungry; we want to get back."

Delaware (10–2) and New Hampshire (9–3) shared the Yankee Conference title with Villanova and figure to make it another three-team race. The Blue Hens return quarterback Bill Vergantino and All-America defensive back Warren McIntire. All-America running back Barry Bourassa leads New Hampshire's offense.

In the Ohio Valley Conference, the champion figures to be the winner of the Eastern Kentucky-Middle Tennessee State game, which will be played in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Eastern won in Richmond the last two years, sharing the OVC title in 1990 and winning it outright in '91.

Both teams are Division I-AA playoff veterans. Eastern Kentucky has missed out only twice since the playoffs began in 1978. The Colonels reached the semifinals last fall, their best finish since 1988. Middle Tennessee State is becoming a regular participant under coach Boots Donnelly. The Blue Raiders have participated in the last three playoffs, reaching the quarterfinals each time.

Although the two programs face major rebuilding projects, both have proficient athletes at the skill positions and figure to dominate the OVC.

Middle Tennessee State (9–4) lost senior tailback Joe Campbell, an All-American as a junior, and four starters on the offensive line. Senior Walter Dunson is a talented heir apparent. The Blue Raiders also return two-time All-America tackle Steve McAdoo. "Thank goodness we have one quality player," Donnelly says.

Quarterback Kelly Holcomb made an impressive freshman debut last fall. "He handled himself exceptionally well, and he has the potential to be a fine player," Donnelly says. "But last year we were able to keep folks off him. He won't be able to do a lot of things unless we have the folks to protect him.

"The key to being able to compete at any level is to have solid offensive and defensive lines. Without them, you're looking at a disadvantage."

Eastern Kentucky coach Roy Kidd has the same concerns. The Colonels (12–2) lost 21 seniors, mostly linemen—five on the defensive front and three on offense. Kidd is realistic about the task facing him.

"It's obvious we've got to rebuild," he says. "Our redshirt kids and youngsters will have to come through at those positions."

Tailback Markus Thomas, a third-team All-American, returns after gaining 1,353 yards in the regular season. Eastern got an unexpected bonus when quarterback Joey Crenshaw was granted an extra year of eligibility by the NCAA. Crenshaw steadily improved behind a veteran line and the running of Thomas and Tim Lester, another 1,000-yard rusher who graduated.

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The Big Sky Conference was dominated by Nevada last year. The Reno-based team was 11–0 during the regular season and ranked No. 1. But the Wolf Pack lost to Youngstown 30–28 in the playoff quarterfinals. Forget Nevada; The Wolf Pack is now a member of the Division I Big West Conference. Enter Idaho and Montana as the likely favorites along with dark horses Weber State and Boise State.

Junior quarterback Doug Nussmeier is back for Idaho (6–5), which lost several close games last year, including two in overtime. Yo Murphy, Alan Allen and Walter Saunders are the prime receivers. Jeff Robinson, a second-team All-American and Big Sky Defensive Player of the Year, returns at end. John Sirmon and Billy Sims help anchor the Vandals' line.

Returning quarterback Brad Lebo came of age for Montana (7–4) last year. The Grizzlies also return a solid defense.

Weber State (8–4) could be a surprising contender with All-America quarterback Jamie Martin, who passed for 4,125 yards and 35 touchdowns during the regular season. The defense is questionable, however.

The Gateway Conference put two teams in the playoffs but both lost to Marshall: fourth-ranked and league champion Northern Iowa (11–2) in the quarterfinals and Western Illinois (7–4–1) in the first round.

Northern Iowa returns a host of starters on offense, including All-Gateway quarterback Jay Johnson and wide receiver/kick returner Kenny Shedd. Linebacker William Freeney, the league's Defensive Player of the Year, is another standout.

Southwest Missouri State made the playoffs in 1989 and '90 and should be back in the hunt along with Western Illinois.

The Southland Conference, the nation's top defensive league, also sent two teams to the playoffs last year: champion Sam Houston State



NASHVILLE BANNER

Middle Tennessee's Walter Dunson hopes to pick up where Joe Campbell left off.

(8–3–1) and McNeese State (6–4–2). But Northeast Louisiana (7–3–1) is the favorite this fall.

"Anybody in the Southland can win it," says Northeast Louisiana coach Dave Roberts, whose team was a close third last year. "I think McNeese is the favorite because they return most everybody. We're in good shape with our skill people, but we've got to find linemen. If we do, we'll be OK."

Roosevelt Potts, who rushed for 1,103 yards for the Indians and was All-Southland, returns at tailback. Quarterback Wendal Lowery was the Southland's Newcomer of the Year after taking over for injured Ches Liles in midseason. Lowery, a dropback passer, and Liles, a scrambler, waged a spirited duel in spring practice.

Holy Cross (11–0) was ranked third nationally and won the Patriot League by two games, but graduation losses will hurt the Crusaders. Lafayette (6–5) is the likely favorite with several quality players returning, including sophomore tailback Erik Marsh, the league's Rookie of the Year, and quarterback Tom Kirchhoff. Fordham linebacker Mark Blazejewski, a second-team All-American, will contend for Player of the Year honors.

Alabama State (10–0–1) won the Southwestern Athletic Conference title by two games over Alcorn State. A late November game kept the Hornets from the playoffs.

North Carolina A&T (9–2) earned a share of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title in '91 but didn't make the playoffs. The Aggies, along with Florida A&M (6–5) and Delaware State (8–3), are considered the top three teams.

All-Americans William Carroll (second-team defensive back) of Florida A&M and Knox Thompson (third-team defensive lineman) of North Carolina A&T return, although Thompson could be ineligible this fall.

After six straight years in the playoffs, including four I-AA championships, Georgia Southern (7–4) missed out last fall. That's unlikely to happen again in the Eagles' final season as an independent before joining the Southern Conference.

"Other teams might be jumping up and down to go 7–4," Georgia Southern coach Tim Stowers says, "but we were disappointed. We lost by two, four and eight points to I-AA teams." The two-point loss was to Youngstown State.

The Eagles will miss 22 seniors, most of them on defense, including the starting secondary and two backups. "We can be competitive with our front seven, but the secondary will be inexperienced," says Stowers, who won the 1990 national championship in his first year at the helm.

Fullback Lester Efford was the main loss on offense, although the Eagles were down to their fifth tailback at season's end. Tony Grant, a junior-college player from Statesboro, Ga., is a prime prospect at fullback. He will run behind a veteran offensive line.

Samford (12–2 and a former Division III member) also figures to be an independent factor in the I-AA playoff picture. Ranked 10th a year ago and a semifinal loser to Youngstown, the Bulldogs of coach Terry Bowden return All-America candidates Tank Edwards at tailback and Marcus Durgin at defensive back.

Junior quarterback Ben Wiggins threw for over 3,000 yards. Wide receiver Ed Smith, also a junior, could be a key target. He signed with the coach's dad, Bobby, at Florida State, but tried baseball in the Toronto system. Returning to football, Smith signed with Samford.

"We're not hurting as far as talent goes," says Terry Bowden, who graduated Samford's first on-scholarship senior class of 24 players last season. "But we don't have the experience of those four-year starters." ■

TOP TWENTY

1. Marshall
2. Villanova
3. Youngstown State
4. Idaho
5. Northern Iowa
6. Northeast Louisiana
7. Middle Tennessee St.
8. Georgia Southern
9. Delaware
10. Eastern Kentucky
11. New Hampshire
12. Alabama State
13. Appalachian State
14. Lafayette
15. James Madison
16. Montana
17. Samford
18. North Carolina A&T
19. SW Missouri State
20. Holy Cross

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

The Butler did it.

In this case, the Butler has a first name: Wayde. And rather than being a silver-haired old man, he's a 6–0, 180-pound senior wide receiver from Beaumont, Texas. And the Ragin' Cajuns of Southwestern Louisiana are counting on him to do much more this fall.

What Butler does best is catch passes, a school-record 122 in his first three seasons.

"I know (the other teams) are out to get me, but it doesn't bother me," says Butler, who set a USL record of 43 receptions by a running back in 1990—he broke his own mark of 41 in '89—before moving from wingback/inside receiver to wide-out last year. Actually, he carried the ball only 50 times for 186 yards in USL's 1990 one-back run-and-shoot offense.

The Ragin' Cajuns switched to a pro-I attack last year, and this time it will be more multiple, although the emphasis will still be on the option. But catching the ball is Butler's bread and butter.

"The more I'm on the field, the better the chances are that I'll do something," he says. "I love being a receiver. I believe if I'm put out there, I have a chance to get open and do something with the ball once I get it. When you run the ball, everyone's keying on you because you already have the ball. It's hard to get open.

"I know being a receiver is harder than being a running back at times because you always have to be reading the defense. At the beginning it was kind of hard. But I caught on pretty quick to the patterns and the routes. You come off the line and the defensive back is right in your face, but I got used to it and things began to flow pretty smoothly."

Butler also returns kickoffs—31 for 689 yards in his career. He played quarterback and wide receiver at Beaumont's Central High, lettered in basketball and track as a senior and was one of the top sprinters in southeast Texas during his final two prep years.

"Wayde's got tremendous ability," says Louisiana Tech coach Nelson Stokley. "Our goal is to put the ball in his hands as often as possible because of what he can do. He made a big change to a pure wide-out last year and he'll again be the guy we go to for the big plays.

"Moving Wayde to outside receiver was something we wanted to do all along. If you have a player with his capabilities of running and catching, he's the one that you want to touch the football."

The next three receivers from last year's disappointing 2–8–1 team also return to face a schedule that includes visits to Tennessee, San Jose State, Houston, Louisiana Tech, Auburn and Tulsa. Butler's 38 catches last year were 44 percent of the team's total of 86. Trailing him by a large margin were junior tight end Buck Moncla (6–2, 259), junior tailback Greg Laxey and junior wide-out Myron Robinson. Moncla was a distant second with 12 catches.



MICHAEL HEBERT

WAYDE BUTLER

Another tight end, redshirt freshman Chad Reeves (6–2, 224), could man the newly created warrior, or H-back, position. In all, USL returns 16 starters: seven offensive, nine defensive. And despite Butler's explosiveness, the biggest improvement needs to come on offense.

The '91 Cajuns averaged only 13.5 points a game, scored more than two touchdowns only twice all season and averaged under 300 yards in total offense. Junior quarterback Tyjuan Hayes was both the leading rusher and passer but his numbers were only 445 and 502 yards respectively. If the Butler didn't do it, no one did.

"We've got to make a lot of improvement on the offensive side," says Stokley. "We're going to try to be more multiple on offense, but with our new alignments we think it will actually be simpler. It's always good to have experience at quarterback, though, when you have changes like this."

Tyjuan Hayes, who missed a couple of games with nagging injuries, and sophomore Reggie Hayes split time under center last year, and two others also got starts. The Hayeses (no relation) will vie for the job this year. Reggie started the last four games, and the Cajuns posted a 2–1–1 record.

The top eight rushers—Tyjuan Hayes was first, Reggie fifth—are back. They include tailbacks Steve Mocek, a sophomore, and Laxey, and senior fullbacks Damon Denaburg and Reginald Francois. The latter two will compete with Reeves at H-back, and sophomore Tori Williams is penciled in at the other wide-out.

If there is a wealth of experience at the skill positions, it's just the opposite upfront, where the only returning regular is sophomore guard Brett Yarbro (6–4, 258), who started eight games. The other projected starters are senior tackle Kirk Champagne (6–7, 281), junior college tackle Gilberto Plasencia (6–5, 284), junior guard Matt Cruse (6–3, 262) and junior center Robby Waguespack (6–1, 254).

The defense has no such problems, with at least two starters returning in every area. And that doesn't include senior cornerback Donald Collins and junior outside linebacker Jonas Francois (6–1, 232), who missed most of last season with injuries.

"We've got some outstanding athletes on the defensive side, and if we stay healthy, it could be an exceptional unit," Stokley says. "We think we're going to have an outstanding defensive team. We had a good year last year."

The line is anchored by senior all-star candidate James Atkins (6–6, 299) and junior John Robinson (6–4, 264) at the tackles, with junior Conrad Lewis (6–0, 249) taking over at nose guard.

Francois joins a quartet of returnees at linebacker: senior William Sims (6–3, 253) and junior Marc LeBlanc (6–3, 208) on the outside, senior Terrance Ross (6–0, 246) and junior Charles Pool (5–11, 209) inside. Ross was the team's leading tackler, while Sims, according to Stokley, "has the speed, the strength and the agility to be a truly great player."

The secondary is solid with three returning starters, plus Collins. The leader is sophomore safety Orlanda Thomas, with senior Harold Nash and junior Craig Roberts at the corners.

Also back are senior placekicker Richie Cunningham (5 of 10 field goals) and senior punter Randy Baggett (38.1 average).

In 1991, Southwestern Louisiana completed 10 years in Division I-A football. The Cajuns' record in that stretch is 53–54–2, and Stokley's six-year mark is 32–33–1.

"When you go through what we went through last year, it's tough to find something to hang your hat on," Stokley says. "But it was obvious that our guys didn't give up because of the success we had late in the season." ■

Memphis State's Chris Hobbs realized a nose guard's dream when he batted a pass in the air and picked it off in a game against Tennessee last season, stopping a Vols drive on the Tigers' 5-yard line.

But wait, there's more. Hobbs didn't just make an interception, he returned it for a touchdown—95 galloping, delicious yards.

All that was missing was a slow-motion replay to the theme from *Chariots of Fire.*

"We linemen don't get that kind of chance very often," recalls Hobbs with a chuckle. "I don't remember a lot about what went through my mind at the time. I just remember catching the ball and starting to run. But after I scored, I wanted to enjoy it. I think I kinda high-stepped into the end zone. Then I didn't want to give the officials the ball back. Some of the guys on the team still kid me about it."

Hobbs, whose 107 tackles last season ranked 94th in the nation, obviously is a nose guard with a nose for the ball. In addition to his tackle total and stirring touchdown interception return, Hobbs also made three fumble recoveries.

"In the defense we run, I have the liberty to move around a lot," he says. "Sometimes I'll make a play out in the flat, or over on the sideline. I guess people wonder what a nose guard is doing over there. I just try to go where the ball goes."

Hobbs, a 6–1, 225-pound senior from Miami, is relatively petite as nose guards go.

"You have to have it in you," he says. "I feel like I have a God-given talent and I want to make the most of it. There's more than size involved in being a good football player. You hear all the time that you have to be a man to play in the trenches. I like it in there."

Away from the field of battle, Hobbs assumes a considerably milder demeanor. He goes from a raging Tiger to a soft-spoken young man who enjoys listening to music, fishing and working with physically impaired children.

"On the football field I put on my game face," Hobbs says. "When I leave the field, I take it off. I guess you could say I undergo a complete personality change. I'm not the same person you see on game day."

Hobbs will be a key figure in the Tigers' defense this season.

"We take a lot of pride in defense at Memphis State," says Hobbs. "Defense has always been big here; we feel like we can set the tone for the game. The coaches push us hard, and we push ourselves hard as well."

Coach Chuck Stobart heads into his fourth season at Memphis State with 51 returning lettermen, including 29 seniors. The entire starting defense is back, as well as eight of 11 starters on offense. The defense last season held opponents to 159.7 yards rushing and 20.8 points per game. The Tigers' offense averaged 181.5 yards rushing per game and 304.9 yards of total offense.

One of Stobart's main objectives this fall will be to find a replacement for departed quarterback Keith Benton, who threw for 1,203 yards last season. Top candidates are senior Joe Cole, redshirt freshman Darrell Williams and junior college transfer Steve Matthews, who originally signed with Tennessee.

"I feel like I have a God-given talent and I want to make the most of it. There's more than size involved in being a good football player."

Cole, a transfer from the University of Miami, saw action in five games last season. He completed 10 of 30 passes for 155 yards, no touchdowns and two interceptions. Williams, who played at Memphis Westwood High School, is the 11th-ranked all-time passer in prep football. The 6–1 southpaw completed 434 passes for 6,933 yards and 60 touchdowns.

Yet another quarterback candidate is Eric Robinson, a junior college transfer who will be given a look at wide receiver. Robinson passed for 1,356 yards and 16 touchdowns in 1990 at Fullerton Junior College in California.

The Tigers should be solid in the offensive backfield, with both the starting tailback and fullback returning, along with numerous backup lettermen and a transfer. Junior Larry Porter will battle a host of contenders for his tailback job, including seniors Cliff Robinson and Xavier Crawford, and sophomores Lynord Crutchfield and Marcus Holliday, along with redshirt freshman Frank Fletcher and junior transfer Ray Patterson. Porter led the team in rushing last season with 454 yards on 116 carries, despite missing one game with an ankle injury. The versatile junior was also the Tigers' leading receiver out of the backfield with 13 catches for 129 yards.

Senior Leon Bosby is back at fullback, where last year he rushed for 342 yards and six touchdowns. Bosby, who has played both fullback and tailback during his previous three seasons, has compiled 1,056 yards and 10 rushing touch-

downs. Bidding for playing time behind Bosby is walk-on Steve Yocum, a transfer from Midwestern State College in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Senior flanker John Bush is back, along with senior tight end Gary Bouldin (6–5, 235). Bush caught 25 passes for 420 yards and three touchdowns last season, giving him a career total of 63 receptions for 970 yards and six TDs. Bush, who will move from flanker to wide receiver, is joined at the position by sophomores Mac Cody and Fred Archie. Russell Copeland is back from a suspension season.

Bouldin, a former quarterback who had 12 catches for 163 yards last year, will contend with redshirt freshman Billy Kirk (6–3, 220) and senior Brian Youmans (6–3, 225) for playing time. Seniors Terry Isles and Michael Elliott will vie for the flanker's job.

The offensive line features senior center Larry Bolton (6–1, 260); guards Jeff King, a junior, (6–2, 250) and Joe Stanley (6–4, 280), a senior; and junior tackles Tony Semple (6–6, 252) and Stevie Williams (6–1, 276). All but Semple were starters last season.

Joining Hobbs in the defensive line will be senior Pat Jansen (6–2, 254) and junior Charles King (6–1, 270) at tackles. Jansen was in on 50 tackles last season, King on 38. Senior defensive ends Jeff Sawyer (6–2, 215) and Chris Graham (6–3, 231) are back, along with two 1990 starters, senior Bobby Avery (6–1, 210) and junior Kevin Jordan (6–3, 220). Avery and Jordan missed the '91 season for disciplinary reasons. Sawyer was one of the defensive leaders last year until a knee sprain caused him to miss the last month of the season. At the time he had made 35 solo tackles and 28 assists.

Four linebackers who started at one time or another are back: juniors Danton Barto (6–0, 235) and Rod Brown (6–0, 230), and seniors Mike Davis (5–11, 215) and Anthony Collins (6–1, 210). Barto was in on 141 tackles, including 85 solo hits. Brown made 27 individual tackles, Davis 17 and Collins seven.

The Tigers' secondary is solid and experienced, starting with senior Herb Kendall and junior Dominic Calloway, cornerbacks who started every game last year and were ranked among the top five tacklers. Calloway had 70 tackles, six blocked passes and one interception. Kendall had 67 hits, three blocked passes and three interceptions. His three interceptions set the stage for two victories. Junior Chris Michael will work at strong safety and junior Jeremy Williams at free safety. Williams made 64 hits last year, Michael 54.

Junior placekicker Joe Allison is back, along with senior punter Jeff Buffaloe. Allison was successful on all 25 of his extra-point attempts last year and connected on six of 13 field goals. His career long is a 52-yarder. Buffaloe averaged 42.3 yards on 50 punts and ranked 15th in the NCAA. His 49.4 average against Alabama stands as Memphis State's second-highest average in a single game.



KATHY DAVISON

The Tigers' Chris Hobbs has a nose for making big plays on defense.

The Tigers opened last season in grand style, traveling to Southern California and pulling off a 24–10 upset of the Trojans that made national headlines. From then on, however, there was a series of ups and downs, and Stobart finished his third Memphis State season with a 5–6 record.

In fact, not even Hobbs' heroics could turn the tide against Tennessee. The high-voltage Vols overcame his dramatic touchdown return and went on to record a comfortable 52–24 victory.

"We played well at times and not very well at other times, and that overall inconsistency was very disappointing," admits Hobbs. "We had a lot better team than the record portrayed. Sometimes we defeated ourselves. But I think the UT game was the only one in which we were completely beaten; the rest of the times we helped beat ourselves."

Hobbs says the Tigers face a typically tough schedule this season, noting that Memphis State will play five 1991 bowl teams.

"But we're ready for it," he insists. "We've got a bunch of guys on this team who are winners. Personally, I can't wait to get started, and I think everybody on the team agrees." ■

It doesn't take long for James Singleton to mention the schools that were interested in signing him to a football scholarship out of Mary Montgomery High School in Wilmer, Ala.

"Florida was somewhat interested," he says. "Memphis State showed interest for a while. I visited Mississippi State but there wasn't much to it. Mississippi College talked to me. And so did Southern Mississippi."

Give Southern Miss credit. Singleton, a senior defensive end, is hardly a physical specimen in today's football world, standing 6–3, 215. Graduating from high school, he was even less imposing. But Southern Miss coaches evidently saw something others didn't.

"James is a perfect example of how recruiting evaluations need to go deeper than height, weight and speed," says Steve Hale, Singleton's position coach and recruiting coordinator at Southern Miss. "It's important to look at the intangibles. How much does winning mean to the kid? What kind of person is he? Is he a leader? James brings a lot of intangibles to the table."

But not many words. Singleton usually answers with a deep breath and a short sentence. He doesn't like talking about himself.

"That's just the way he is," Hale says. "He doesn't lead by talking but by example. And that's the kind of guy everyone wants."

Singleton led Southern Miss in sacks last season with six and tied for seventh in total tackles with 56. He usually lines up on the tight end side, which means he normally goes head-to-head with players much larger.

"Like those two guys from Pittsburgh last year," he says. "They were huge. And probably the toughest I've ever gone against."

But Singleton is there for a reason.

"We ask James to rush the passer in passing situations and to give us an anchor on running plays," Hale says. "That's asking a lot, but we need somebody who can make big plays at that position. James has a way of doing that. He finds a way."

So how does Singleton make big plays among monsters?

"He's very aggressive, very determined," Hale says. "James gets more out of his ability than anybody I've ever been associated with, no question. His heart and desire are his biggest assets. Plus, he's very sound fundamentally."

Says Singleton, "I've been fortunate to have had good coaches who taught me about technique, for instance, the importance of getting up under bigger guys' shoulder pads."

Like a lot of boys who grew up in Alabama during the 1970s, Singleton was an Alabama fan. "Alabama had the name," he says. "And they had Bear Bryant. Sure, I wanted to play there, but there is an awful lot of talent in the state of Alabama. Everyone can't go there. Southern Miss is close to home (an hour and a half away), and that's where my brother played. So by the time I was a senior in high school, I'd become a Southern Miss fan. I don't hold any grudges toward Alabama. But it does seem like I play a little harder against Alabama—and Auburn."

"Recruiting evaluations need to go deeper than height, weight and speed. . . . How much does winning mean to the kid? What kind of person is he? Is he a leader?"

Singleton takes special pleasure in reminding the folks back home that Southern Miss has defeated Auburn each of the past two seasons—at Auburn, no less—and beat Alabama in the schools' last meeting, in 1990. Singleton gets another shot at both rivals this season. "Hopefully, we can keep the streak alive," he says.

However, there is much more to Singleton than football. He was named to the 1991 College Football Association's All-Academic team while majoring in mechanical engineering technology.

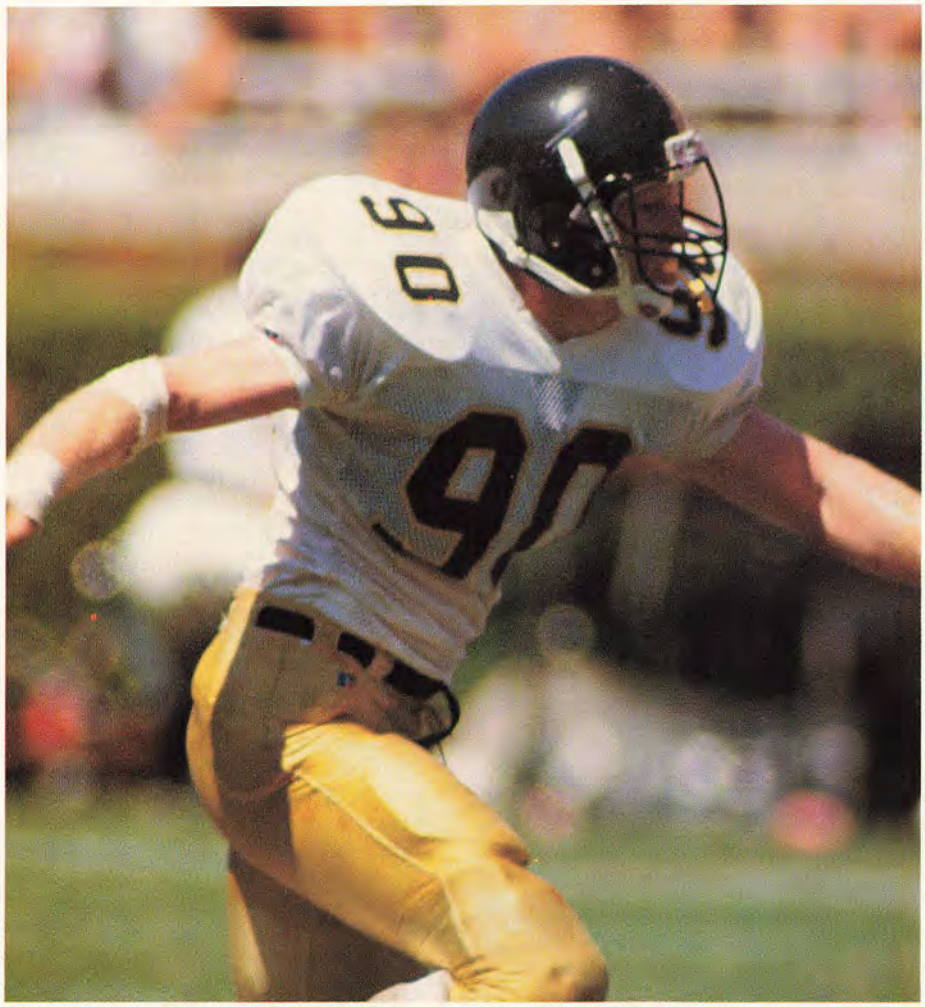
"It has to do with designing fluid systems, like the ones in petroleum factories," Singleton says. "I've been around trucks all my life, and I've always had an interest in the way parts work."

His father was a truck driver, often making runs as far away as Montana and Massachusetts. "I went with him once to Montana," Singleton says. "He taught me how to work on trucks. I can't rebuild a motor but I can change the brakes, water pump, fuel pump, spark plugs, things like that."

Singleton spends most of his free time studying and reading the Bible. "I'd like a chance at pro ball," he says, "but if I don't get it, I won't worry. I want to do what the Lord wants me to do.

"Are you writing that down? Some reporters don't like it when athletes start talking about God. Last year one told me that he was going to quote me on giving the Lord credit for my performance, but he never did. But that's what is important to me. That's where I get my strength.

"I was saved when I was 16 years old. I never was bad. I guess you could say I was straddling the fence. It's made a big difference in my life.



MIKE MOORE

Passers beware because James Singleton is always in such a rush.

I take a good attitude into each day. Whatever I do, I trust in the Lord. I know He watches out for me."

Singleton says he has drawn on that inner strength to help recover from the death of his father during James' senior year in high school.

"He died of liver cancer," Singleton says. "He'd been sick for two years, but he didn't let anybody know until the last six months. Although he was sick, he made it to my football games my senior year. I feel like I'm playing for him because he wanted me to get a scholarship so I could get a good education. And I've just about got my degree."

Singleton will need all the strength he can muster in 1992. He is the lone returning starter on a unit that yielded 20.5 points per game last season. Opposite him at outside linebacker will be junior Aubrey Johnson (6–3, 235), who played in 10 games a year ago and had 19 tackles and one sack.

Junior Tyrone Nix (6–2, 230) is the most experienced inside linebacker, totaling 46 tackles. Seniors Keith Loescher (6–0, 235) and Matt Monroe (6–3, 205) also will compete for a spot.

The interior line will be anchored by junior end Bobby Hamilton (6–5, 265), who had 39 tackles and four sacks in a reserve role. On the other side will be junior end Clevon Colbert (6–2, 240).

Three players are competing for the two tackle slots: senior John Brown (6–3, 278), junior Reggie Elder (6–4, 259) and sophomore Michael Tobias (6–3, 275). Tobias totaled 29 tackles and Brown 15 last season.

Juniors Perry Carter and Vernard Collins man the corners. Carter had two interceptions and Collins one. Collins also had 22 tackles. Safety candidates include sophomore LaBarion Rankins, seniors Richard White and Stacey Sizemore, and junior Terryl Ulmer. Ulmer, who sat out last season, was a return specialist as a freshman, averaging 24 yards on kickoffs.

Offensively, the Golden Eagles return only three starters: sophomore quarterback Tommy Waters, senior tight end Marcus Pope (6–3, 250) and senior wide receiver Greg Reed.

Waters completed 135 of 250 passes for six touchdowns, but he could receive a challenge from freshman signee Aaron Hightower of Opp, Ala. Hightower was considered the top quarterback prospect in Alabama. He threw for 1,072 yards and 11 touchdowns, and ran for 838 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Pope caught 17 passes for 191 yards in 1991. Reed had 23 receptions for 434 yards and two touchdowns.

After that, the picture becomes fuzzy.

The return of sophomore Mark Montgomery, who sat out last season with an injury, could help the receiving corps. Montgomery caught 15 passes for 200 yards as a true freshman in 1990, including five catches for 85 yards and two touchdowns in the All-American Bowl against North Carolina State.

Senior running backs Dwayne Nelson and Michael Welch must step in for the departed Tony Smith, who rushed for 998 yards last season. Welch netted 308 yards on 91 carries and scored a team-high nine touchdowns. He also caught 27 passes for 226 yards. Nelson, a fullback, carried just 10 times for 54 yards.

Seniors Leon Anderson (6–5, 280) and George McReynolds (6–2, 260) will challenge at guard. Both played in all five games last season. Senior Donell Brannon (6–4, 305) and junior Carey Moorer (6–4, 266) are vying for the tackle positions. Center is a major question with no leading candidate. Brannon spent the first two years of his career on defense, then redshirted in '91 after making the switch to offense. Moorer missed the first seven games with a foot injury. But in 1990 he figured in 108 plays, including a season-high 18 against Auburn.

Senior Lance Nations, who made 21 of 23 extra points and four of eight field-goal tries, returns as the placekicker. Punting is up for grabs.

The schedule again sends Southern Miss on the road for seven games. The Golden Eagles will travel to Alabama, Auburn, Northern Illinois, Tulane, East Carolina, Florida and Virginia Tech. Home games are against Memphis State, Louisiana Tech, Tulsa and Cincinnati.

Southern Miss' losing record in '91 was only its third since 1980 and its seventh since 1968. It was so disturbing to first-year coach Jeff Bower that he made major staff changes. In fact, only defensive end-outside linebackers coach Hale will keep the same job in '92.

Bower himself takes over as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Rodney Allison moves from quarterbacks coach to running backs coach. Jeff Bowden will coach wide receivers, Joe Robinson the defensive line, Brad Peveto the outside linebackers and Mac Bryan the offensive line. John Thompson replaces Jim Dickey as defensive coordinator.

"We lacked discipline last year," Singleton says. "Just simple things, like not giving 100 percent on every play and busted assignments. The coaches stressed those things in spring practice, and we began to pull together more as a team. We have so many young players. Everybody is trying harder to make up for the lack of experience." ■

LOUISIANA TECH

After three years as a relief pitcher—"The Dennis Eckersley of quarterbacks in college football," the *Ruston* (La.) *Daily Leader* called him—Sam Hughes is about to become a starter for Louisiana Tech.

The baseball analogy makes sense because Hughes' father, Gary, was a scout for the Montreal Expos and is now head of scouting for the Florida Marlins, one of two expansion teams in the National League.

Hughes, a 6–4, 230-pound senior, was pressed into action in 1989 when Gene Johnson was sidelined with the mumps. He passed for 171 yards and two touchdowns against Tulsa and also started the following week against Northeast Louisiana—Tech won both games—before Johnson came back. Hughes has made three career starts and the Bulldogs have won all three.

In 1990, appearing in eight games, Hughes completed 35 of 60 passes for 484 yards and three touchdowns. Last year, he was even better: 50 of 76, a sizzling 65.8 completion percentage, for 630 yards and three touchdowns. His most impressive statistic, however, came during the first five games, when he got in for seven series and led the Bulldogs to four touchdowns and a game-winning field goal.

Seldom has a three-year backup been viewed with so much excitement, but Hughes and his rifle arm have enjoyed some spectacular moments in relief of Johnson, who finished his career as Tech's No. 3 all-time leading passer with 6,059 yards. One of those ahead of Johnson is Terry Bradshaw.

"In a sense I feel like a relief pitcher. The roles are similar," says Hughes, who didn't start playing football until his junior year in high school. As one might expect, considering his father's background, he spent most of his time playing baseball.

"When we moved from California to (Lake Worth) Florida, I decided that playing football would be a good way to meet friends at my new school," Hughes explains. "When I saw how big the linemen were, I thought I had better play quarterback."

By the middle of his junior year, Hughes was the starting quarterback and had left baseball in his rearview mirror.

"The day I signed with Tech I could tell my dad was a little hurt," Hughes remembers. "The day I signed was the first day of the baseball season."

At least on the day that Hughes signed he knew he was going to Ruston and not Baton Rouge.

"I'll be honest," Hughes says. "For the first two days Tech recruited me, I thought they were LSU. I didn't think LSU was very big, but at least I had heard of them."

During his sophomore season, Hughes was billed as the second coming of Bradshaw, but Johnson's heroics helped limit Hughes' playing time. Now, Hughes is about to learn whether patience really is a virtue.



MIKE MOORE

SAM HUGHES

"Sam shoots from the hip," says former NFL star Joe Ferguson, Tech's quarterback coach. "Nothing much phases him. He's very good in tough situations when there's a game on the line and the offense needs something good to happen."

Louisiana Tech's 1991 season was a strange one. After being massacred by Houston 73–3, the Bulldogs went 8–0–2 the rest of the way but were denied a bowl bid because four of the wins came against Division I-AA teams. Only co-national champions Miami and Washington, along with East Carolina, will bring longer unbeaten streaks into 1992.

And with the return of 43 of 56 lettermen and 14 starters—eight offensive, six defensive—coach Joe Raymond Peace is "very excited" about 1992, which will be Tech's fourth season in Division I-A.

It's perhaps a little difficult to understand Peace's optimism considering the Bulldogs will face seven opponents on the road: Baylor, Southern Mississippi, Alabama, Fresno State, South Carolina, Mississippi, West Virginia.

However, when the Bulldogs hit the road, the road doesn't often hit back. Tech has played 21 of its last 33 games away from home and has survived six straight road games without a loss, including a 3–0–2 record during a stretch of five consecutive roadies last year.

"Obviously, we would prefer to play more at home," Peace says. "But this is the price you pay when you begin on the kind of journey this program is now on. It presents our football program with a tremendous opportunity. We need a breakthrough year against some respected programs, and I believe this could be that year."

Peace concedes that Tech will miss Johnson's experience, "but in Sam Hughes we believe we have a man ready to step in and have a big year."

Among the returning starters is senior running back Jason Davis (6–2, 224), the nation's fourth-leading rusher last season at 135.1 yards per game. With 2,343 career yards, he needs 602 to become Tech's all-time rushing leader. However, Davis has had disciplinary problems in the past, and if they recur, Peace will turn to sophomore Jason Cooper, who totaled 830 yards and a 5.8 per-carry average.

Of the 14 receivers who caught passes last year, 13 are back and eight are seniors, including flanker Paul Bland, split end Corey Parham, wingback Jerald Kennedy and tight end Wade Christensen (6–3, 255).

Up front, senior tackle Willie Roaf (6–5, 290) is an all-star candidate—he made the All-South Independent team last year—and one of three returning starters. The big fellow has run a 4.82 in the 40, and Peace calls him "the most talented offensive lineman I have ever had the opportunity to coach."

The other regulars are senior guard Lloyd Whelchel (6–4, 271) and junior center Nate Goodyear (6–1, 265). The leaders at the other two spots are senior guard Baron Rollins (6–4, 335) and senior tackle David Parker (6–6, 285).

Defensively, Tech lost several standouts, but Peace says, "We feel good about the defense because we have been able to play a lot of people the past two years. Myron Baker (6–1, 230) should have a great senior season at linebacker (he has led the team in tackles the last two years). Seniors Carey Broudy and Doug Evans could be among the best safeties we have had. And upfront people like Steve Wilson (6–3, 222, senior end), Shannon Cornelius (6–3, 255, senior end), Artie Smith (6–5, 286, senior tackle) and Kavin Crawford (6–2, 269, junior tackle) are solid."

The other projected starters are senior linebackers Herman Piete (6–0, 223) and Norman Dunn (6–3, 238), and senior John Boyd and sophomore Chris Gray at cornerback.

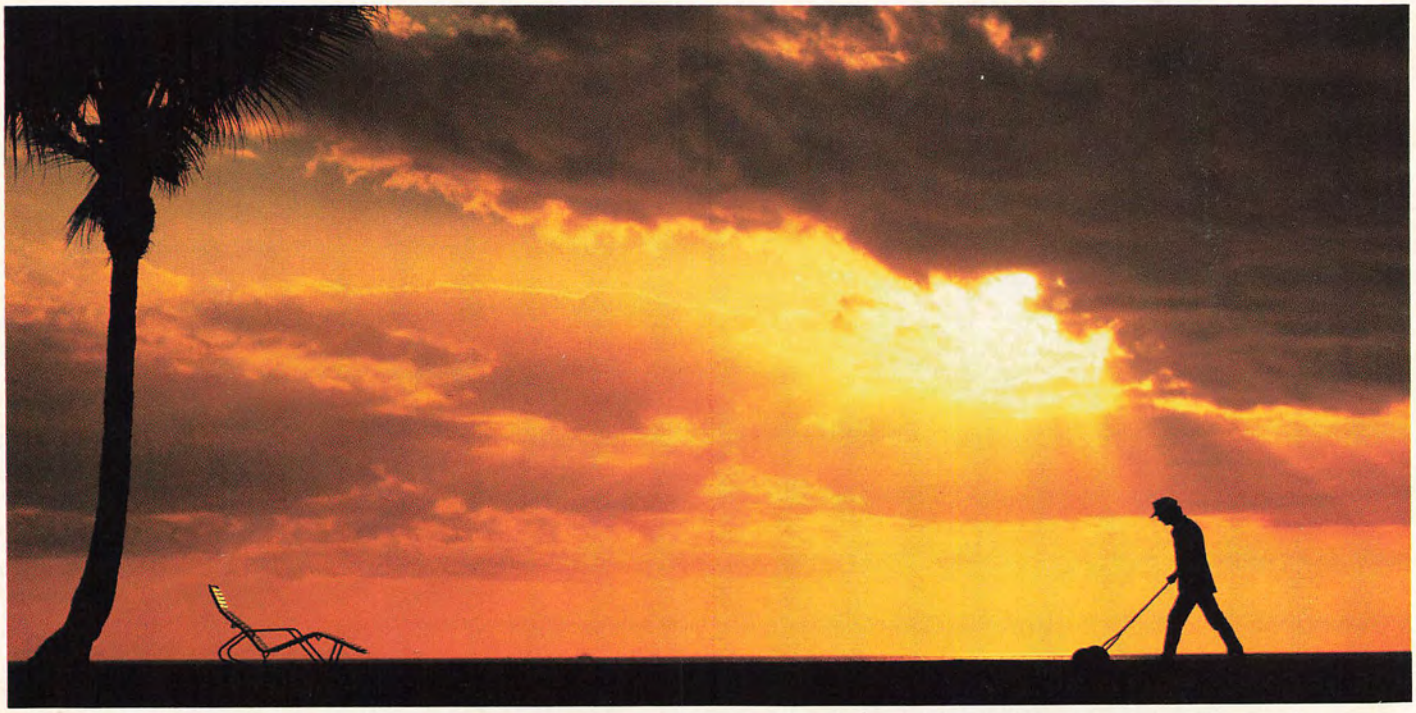
Junior placekicker Chris Boniol will try to rebound after a subpar sophomore season. His career totals, however, are 23 of 41 field goals—including 55- and 54-yarders—and 74 of 76 extra points. Senior punter Daryl Altic started slowly because of a hamstring injury but improved consistently and finished with a 38.7 average on 41 punts. ■

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ALABAMA ROSTER

Head Coach: Gene Stallings

1991 Record: 11–1–0
SEC Record: 6–1–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
95	Aaron, Chuck	DE	6–4	280	So.	Centreville, MS
28	Adams, J.J.	P	6–1	165	So.	Katy, TX
33	Anderson, Chris	RB	5–9	178	Jr.	Huntsville, AL
62	Barger, William	RG	6–3	270	Jr.	Birmingham, AL
7	Barker, Jay	QB	6–3	209	So.	Trussville, AL
66	Barnett, Tim	C	6–5	263	Fr.	Bear Creek, AL
6	Bevelle, Willis	FL	6–1	180	Sr.	Bessemer, AL
98	Bodden, Vann	RDE	6–4	235	Fr.	Moss Point, MS
48	Brannen, Jay	OLB	6–1	218	So.	Gainesville, FL
85	Brown, Curtis	SE	6–3	185	So.	John's Island, SC
76	Brown, Elverett	LDE	6–4	261	So.	Montgomery, AL
82	Brown, Rick	FL	6–0	175	So.	Ft. Worth, TX
93	Brown, Shannon	LDE	6–5	263	Fr.	Millbrook, AL
17	Brown, Will	FS	6–1	200	So.	Syracuse, NY
14	Burgdorf, Brian	QB	6–1	175	Fr.	Cedartown, GA
83	Busky, Steve	TE	6–6	233	Sr.	Suitland, MD
38	Campbell, Mike	SE	6–0	185	Sr.	Pinson, AL
79	Clark, Brent	NT	6–3	255	So.	Plainview, AL
59	Clay, John	RG	6–2	265	Jr.	Nashville, TN
49	Cochran, Chris	TE	6–4	228	Sr.	Germantown, TN
80	Colburn, Roman	FL	6–0	175	So.	Ft. Payne, AL
40	Cole, Lorenzo	FL	5–10	175	Jr.	Florence, AL
48	Cole, Steve	PK	5–9	162	Jr.	Fayetteville, GA
38	Conn, Mickey	RCB	5–10	175	So.	Snellville, GA
94	Copeland, John	LDE	6–3	261	Sr.	Lanett, AL
80	Curry, Eric	RDE	6–7	255	Sr.	Thomasville, GA
18	Davis, Danny	QB	6–1	205	So.	Memphis, TN
14	Diehl, Bryne	P	6–3	202	So.	Oakman, AL
21	Donnelly, Chris	FS	6–0	180	Jr.	Germantown, TN
15	Finkley, Donnie	SE	5–10	175	Sr.	Mobile, AL
65	Folks, Napoleon	RG	6–3	288	So.	Montgomery, AL
50	Foshee, Jeff	ILB	5–9	204	So.	Millbrook, AL
	Gaston, Willie	S	5–11	190	So.	Mobile, AL
54	Gladden, Chad	C	6–3	254	So.	Centre, AL
81	Greene, Hamp	PK	5–11	185	Sr.	Montgomery, AL
10	Greenwood, Darren	DB	5–11	180	Sr.	Lanett, AL
67	Gregory, James	NT	6–4	283	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
11	Hall, Lemanski	OLB	6–1	220	Jr.	Valley, AL
63	Hammond, Matt	LT	6–3	266	Jr.	Ft. Payne, AL
30	Harris, Craig	FB	5–11	205	Sr.	Panama City, FL
60	Harville, Joey	LT	6–5	276	So.	Moulton, AL
46	Helton, Rodney	ILB	6–2	228	Sr.	Knoxville, TN
9	Hope, Alvin	RCB	5–10	187	Sr.	Mobile, AL
35	Houston, Martin	FB	5–10	235	Sr.	Centre, AL
75	Howard, Johnny	LT	6–4	270	Sr.	Bessemer, AL
57	Hutt, John	ILB	6–0	213	So.	Tuscaloosa, AL
16	Jack, Jason	QB	6–1	180	So.	Oxford, AL
44	Jeffries, Dameian	RDE	6–4	256	So.	Sylacauga, AL
10	Johnson, Tommy	RCB	5–10	175	So.	Niceville, FL
5	Johnson, Tony	TE	6–4	240	Fr.	Como, MS
40	Jordan, Alex	SS	6–0	188	Jr.	Hueytown, AL
43	Langham, Antonio	LCB	6–1	170	Jr.	Town Creek, AL
25	Lassic, Derrick	RB	5–11	186	Sr.	Haverstraw, NY
64	Lawson, Kirk	RT	6–5	270	So.	Florence, AL
37	Lee, Kevin	SE	6–1	186	Jr.	Mobile, AL
99	Lockett, Victor	ILB	6–0	243	Jr.	Mobile, AL
55	London, Antonio	OLB	6–3	228	Sr.	Tullahoma, TN
47	Lowery, Jackson	SS	6–2	195	So.	Huntsville, AL
45	Lynch, Tarrant	FB	6–0	224	So.	Town Creek, AL
74	McNeal, Kareem	LT	6–5	287	Fr.	Tuskegee, AL
92	Milner, Jason	DE	6–4	260	So.	Broken Arrow, OK
58	Morris, Mario	ILB	6–0	220	So.	Decatur, AL
73	Nunley, Jeremy	LDE	6–5	247	Jr.	Winchester, TN
56	Oden, Derrick	ILB	6–0	225	Sr.	Tuscaloosa, AL
2	Palmer, David	FL	5–9	170	So.	Birmingham, AL
77	Patterson, Roosevelt	RT	6–4	290	Jr.	Mobile, AL
78	Pine, Matthew	SN	6–3	221	Jr.	Gadsden, AL
	Porch, Jason	P	6–1	180	Fr.	Scottsboro, AL
52	Rogers, Michael	ILB	6–1	220	So.	Luverne, AL
36	Royal, Andre	OLB	6–1	210	So.	Northport, AL
36	Sanders, Shane	FB	6–0	220	Jr.	Harpersville, AL
70	Segrest, Rory	RT	6–5	265	Fr.	Waycross, GA
19	Shackelford, James	FS	5–11	170	So.	Plant City, FL
31	Shade, Sam	LCB	6–1	190	So.	Birmingham, AL
61	Sheils, Tobie	C	6–3	250	Jr.	Fairhope, AL
22	Spikes, Irving	RB	5–10	205	Sr.	Ocean Spgs., MS
69	Stevenson, Jon	RT	6–2	273	So.	Memphis, TN
88	Swinney, Dabo	SE	6–1	180	Sr.	Pelham, AL
13	Teague, George	FS	6–2	187	Sr.	Montgomery, AL
96	Thornton, Bryan	LDE	6–7	280	Fr.	Mobile, AL
53	Torrence, Jeff	ILB	6–1	215	Fr.	Atmore, AL
51	Trimble, DeLan	OLB	6–1	230	So.	Cullman, AL
91	Turnipseed, Thad	OLB	6–0	201	So.	Montgomery, AL
16	Wall, Jeff	H	5–7	160	Sr.	Birmingham, AL
87	Weaver, Derek	TE	6–2	224	Jr.	Birmingham, AL
4	Wethington, Matt	PK	5–11	170	So.	Titusville, FL
20	Williams, Sherman	RB	5–10	190	So.	Mobile, AL
68	Wilson, George	LG	6–2	263	Sr.	Bessemer, AL
32	Wimbley, Prince	FL	5–10	174	Sr.	Miami, FL
29	Woody, Rock	RCB	5–10	180	So.	Springville, AL

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE **37 Kevin Lee (Jr., 2)**; 85 Curtis Brown (So., 1)
LT **63 Matt Hammond (Jr., 2)**; 60 Joey Harville (So., 1)
LG **68 George Wilson (Sr., 2)**; 75 Johnny Howard (Sr., 3)
C **61 Tobie Sheils (Jr., 2)**; 54 Chad Gladden (So., 1)
RG **62 William Barger (Jr., 2)**; 59 John Clay (Jr., 2)
RT **69 Jon Stevenson (So., 1)**; 77 Roosevelt Patterson (Jr., 1)
TE **83 Steve Busky (Sr., 2)**
FL **32 Prince Wimbley (Sr., 3)**; 2 David Palmer (So., 1)
QB **7 Jay Barker (So., 1)**
FB 35 Martin Houston (Sr., 3); 45 Tarrant Lynch (So., 1)
RB 25 Derrick Lassic (Sr., 3); 33 Chris Anderson (Jr., 2)
K **4 Matt Wethington (So., 1)**

DEFENSE

LDE **94 John Copeland (Sr., 1)**; 76 Elverett Brown (So., 1)
NT 67 James Gregory (Jr., 2); 79 Brent Clark (So., 1)
RDE **80 Eric Curry (Sr., 2)**; 73 Jeremy Nunley (Jr., 2)
LOB **55 Antonio London (Sr., 3)**
LIB 52 Michael Rogers (So., 1); 58 Mario Morris (So., 1)
RIB **56 Derrick Oden (Sr., 3)**; 50 Jeff Foshee (So., 1)
ROB **11 Lemanski Hall (Jr., 2)**; 36 Andre Royal (So., 1)
LCB **43 Antonio Langham (Jr., 2)**; 29 Rock Woody (So., 1)
RCB 31 Sam Shade (So., 1); 10 Tommy Johnson (So., 1)
SS 40 Alex Jordan (Jr., 1)
FS **13 George Teague (Sr., 3)**; 17 Will Brown (So., 1)
P None

BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Jay Barker, 33–66–554–3, 1 TD
Rushing: Derrick Lassic, 70 att., 368 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving: David Palmer, 17 rec., 314 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: David Palmer, 7 TDs, 42 points
Punting: None
Kicking: Hamp Greene, 5–7 FGs, 24–26 XP
Tackles: John Copeland, 65
Sacks: John Copeland, 7
Interceptions: George Teague, 6 for 96 yards

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***Vanderbilt***
Sept. 12	***Southern Miss****
Sept. 19	***at Arkansas***
Sept. 26	***Louisiana Tech****
Oct. 3	***South Carolina***
Oct. 10	***at Tulane***
Oct. 17	***at Tennessee***
Oct. 24	***Ole Miss***
Nov. 7	***at LSU***
Nov. 14	***at Mississippi State***
Nov. 26	***Auburn****
	**** at Birmingham***

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1992 SIGNEES

NAME — POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Belser, Maurice OL 6–2 285 Cordova, AL
Class 2A All-State; benches 395, squats 485.

Blackburn, Darrell LB 6–4 220 Huntsville, AL
First-team Class 6A All-State; led his team in tackles with 105 and sacks with 16.

Burton, Kendrick DL 6–6 265 Hartselle, AL
First-team *USA TODAY* All-USA; *Birmingham News* Super All-State; rated the nation's preseason No. 1 DL by *Super-Prep*; recorded 144 tackles last season.

Canale, Blair DB 6–3 190 Memphis, TN
A three-year starter, had 62 tackles, one int., and caused four fumbles as a senior.

Causey, John OL 6–3 260 Hayneville, AL
Started on both sides of the line for four years; benches 350, squats 500.

DiMario, Pete OL 6–5 270 Tuscaloosa, AL
Graduated in 1990; runs a 4.8 40; was selected to the *Tuscaloosa News* Class 4A-5A-6A West Alabama team.

Floyd, Lamont LB 6–2 240 Orange Park, FL
Recorded 91 tackles in 1991; recovered three fumbles and intercepted one pass which he returned for a TD.

Malone, Toderick 6–0 170 Attalla, AL
Class 5A All-State; caught 145 passes for 3,101 yds. and 30 TDs in his three-year career.

Mangum, Kris TE 6–5 245 Magee, MS
Caught 36 passes for 640 yds. and eight TDs last season.

McCoy, Renardo DB 6–2 190 Town Creek, AL
Birmingham News Super All-State at DB; recorded five ints. in 1991.

Moore, Kelvin LB 6–3 240 Daphne, AL
A three-year starter; totaled 86 tackles as a senior with two sacks, one int. and seven caused fumbles.

Pennington, Jeremy OL 6–3 270 Vernon, AL
Selected the Gatorade Circle of Champions Alabama Player of the Year; *Birmingham News* Super All-State.

Powell, Ozell DL 6–5 245 Greenville, AL
Had over 40 tackles and eight sacks as a senior; has a 31 inch vertical leap.

Proctor, Michael PK 5–11 175 Pelham, AL
The nation's preseason No. 1 kicker as listed by *Super-Prep*; set a state record with a 60-yard field goal.

Simmons, Chris LB 6–3 225 Hartselle, AL
Birmingham News Super All-State; runs a 4.7 40.

Tanks, John LB 6–4 215 Butler, AL
Class 5A All-State; recorded 95 solo tackles last season; benches 305, squats 460.

Turner, Eric RB 6–1 200 Ft. Payne, AL
Played in only four games as a senior after suffering a knee injury; rushed for 1,035 yds. and 10 TDs as a junior.

Walters, John LB 6–2 225 Richardson, TX
Region defensive player of the year for two straight years; recorded 113 tackles and 15 sacks as a senior.

Watts, Tim FB 6–2 235 Selma, AL
All-state; rushed for almost 4,000 yds. during his prep career; tallied over 2,500 all-purpose yds. in 1991.

West, Marcell WR 5–11 175 Niceville, FL
Recorded the third-fastest 100-meter time (10.59) in nation as a sophomore; timed at 4.34 in the 40; passed for 1,333 yds. and 18 TDs as a QB.

White, Laron DL 6–2 260 Courtland, AL
Birmingham News Super All-State; totaled 80 tackles as a senior; also played OG.

Wright, Dustin OL 6–2 270 Northport, AL
Three-year starter at center; benches 325; throws the shot and discus in track.

ARKANSAS ROSTER

Head Coach: Jack Crowe

1991 Record: 6–6–0
SWC Record: 5–3–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
6	Adams, Gary	FS	6–0	188	Sr.	Springfield, MO
97	Akins, Terry	NG	6–1	310	So.	Little Rock, AR
13	Allen, Jason	QB	6–1	187	So.	Edmond, OK
	Avent, Casey	P	5–8	185	Fr.	Brownsville, TN
89	Botkin, Kirk	TE	6–3	237	Jr.	Baytown, TX
	Bowerman, Jeff	LB	6–2	225	So.	Fayetteville, AR
98	Brooks, Harry	DE	6–3	260	So.	Bay City, TX
	Brown, Spencer	SE	5–11	158	Fr.	Morrilton, AR
86	Browning, Eric	TE	6–1	227	Sr.	Ft. Worth, TX
9	Caldwell, Tracy	SE	5–11	167	Jr.	Pine Bluff, AR
39	Calvin, Carlton	RB	6–0	212	So.	Keller, TX
47	Chatman, Tyrone	LB	5–9	220	Jr.	Dumas, AR
94	Conley, Steve	RE	6–5	220	Fr.	Dallas, TX
69	Cornish, Bryan	OT	6–4	288	So.	Warren, AR
26	Cotton, Kotto	CB	6–0	171	So.	N. Little Rock, AR
	Curtis, B.J.	OG	5–10	225	Fr.	Marianna, AR
18	David, Rick	FS	5–11	190	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
77	Davis, Isaac	OG	6–3	315	Jr.	Malvern, AR
42	Davis, Jeff	OLB	6–1	210	Sr.	Phoenix, AZ
1	Davis, Vincent	FL	6–1	184	So.	Birmingham, AL
2	Dickerson, Ron Jr.	FL	6–1	203	Sr.	State College, PA
14	Ellison, Lance	K	6–5	217	So.	Conway, AR
92	Ford, Henry	DT	6–3	269	Jr.	Ft. Worth, TX
	Gibson, Vernon	SE	5–10	178	Fr.	Rivercrest, AR
30	Golden, Colby	K	5–8	181	Jr.	Searcy, AR
	Graham, Lynel	OT	6–4	370	Fr.	Marked Tree, AR
67	Harvill, Bobby	OG	6–4	264	So.	Stuttgart, AR
	Hile, Kevin	TE	6–3	218	Fr.	Lee's Summit, MO
19	Hill, Wade	QB	6–3	199	Jr.	Waldron, AR
41	Hogan, Brad	OLB	5–10	206	Jr.	Heidelberg, Ger.
95	Howard, Dexter	RE	6–1	241	Jr.	Little Rock, AR
16	Ireland, Darwin	OLB	6–1	226	Jr.	Pine Bluff, AR
29	Jackson, Alfred	SS	6–0	191	Jr.	Marshall, TX
8	Jackson, E.D.	TB	5–10	209	Sr.	Kilgore, TX
4	Jeffery, Tony	RB	5–8	204	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
84	Johnson, Carl	OLB	6–0	226	So.	Pine Bluff, AR
38	Johnson, Cordale	RB	5–10	191	So.	Denver, CO
99	Johnson, Ray Lee	RE	6–3	232	Sr.	Fordyce, AR
40	Johnson, Willie	OLB	5–11	224	So.	Lufkin, TX
62	Jones, Tommy	C	6–4	273	Jr.	Dallas, TX
35	Kaaiohelo, Jared	RB	6–0	215	So.	Edmond, OK
88	Keith, Lee	TE	6–3	237	Sr.	McAlister, OK
91	Kelly, Owen	NG	5–10	247	Sr.	Wichita Falls, TX
57	Kempf, Kevin	LB	6–3	246	Jr.	Vermillion, OH
20	Kennedy, Kerry	CB	5–8	187	Jr.	Raleigh, NC
45	Kestner, Troy	TE	6–4	232	Jr.	DeWitt, AR
	Kinnebrew, Chris	NG	5–10	323	So.	Ansonia, CT
36	Kirby, Chris	RB	5–10	213	Jr.	Pine Bluff, AR
56	Knapp, Trent	LB	6–1	225	So.	Houston, TX
	Lenox, Ronald	QB	5–10	183	Fr.	Hot Springs, AR
80	Long, Scott	DT	6–3	267	Sr.	Benton, AR
87	Mallet, James	RE	6–2	230	Jr.	Liberty, TX
72	Mitchell, Verl	DT	6–3	254	Fr.	Paragould, AR
64	Mutsaers, Steve	OT	6–4	269	Jr.	Ogden, UT
68	Nagy, Tony	OG	6–4	267	Fr.	Tulsa, OK
	Nelson, Jay	FL	5–9	158	Fr.	Monroe, LA
27	Nunnerley, Mike	SS	6–0	196	Fr.	N. Little Rock, AR
	Ogle, Chris	QB	5–11	183	Fr.	Moreno Valley, CA
75	Oliver, Chris	OT	6–5	274	Jr.	Fayetteville, AR
10	Peevy, Dean	CB	5–11	185	So.	Montgomery, AL
5	Pickett, Ivan	SS	6–0	197	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
	Plafcan, Cole	TE	6–4	229	Fr.	Little Rock, AR
17	Preston, Doyle	QB	6–2	186	So.	Saltillo, TX
34	Pryor, Jerry	RB	6–0	221	Fr.	Lexa, AR
24	Raether, Pete	P	6–4	205	Sr.	Edina, MN
	Rancifer, Teddy	NG	5–10	238	So.	Tiller, AR
25	Savage, Jeff	RB	6–2	226	So.	Plano, TX
23	Scott, Carl	SE	5–10	181	So.	Lonoke, AR
66	Scott, Earl	C	6–3	270	Fr.	N. Little Rock, AR
96	Spencer, Terry	DT	6–3	261	Jr.	Terrell, TX
74	Straschinske, Ray	OG	6–4	287	Jr.	Cabot, AR
81	Thompson, Derrick	SE	5–9	160	So.	Ft. Worth, TX
	Tridico, Tony	FS	5–9	160	Jr.	Little Rock, AR
37	Turner, Gary	RB	5–9	197	Fr.	Ft. Worth, TX
3	Watters, Orlando	CB	5–11	174	Jr.	Anniston, AL
78	Williams, Chris	OT	6–3	272	So.	Garner, NC
	Williams, Matthew	DT	5–10	248	So.	Texarkana, AR
43	Williamson, John	LB	6–2	235	Sr.	Joplin, MO
83	Wishon, Waylon	DE	6–4	241	Fr.	Rogers, AR
	Woodbury, Derrick	CB	5–11	187	Sr.	Chicago, IL
52	Woods, Tony	RE	6–0	251	Fr.	Thomasville, AL
11	Wright, Todd	K	5–10	173	Sr.	Stillwater, OK
28	Yager, Richard	FL	5–9	175	Jr.	Hardy, AR
49	Yeager, Kelly	LB	5–11	231	Jr.	Boulder City, NV

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE **9 Tracy Caldwell (Jr., 2)**; 23 Carl Scott (So., 0)
LT **75 Chris Oliver (Jr., 2)**; 64 Steve Mutsaers (Jr., 0)
LG **74 Ray Straschinske (Jr., 2)**; 68 Tony Nagy (Fr., 0)
C 62 Tommy Jones (Jr., 1); 66 Earl Scott (Fr., 0)
RG **77 Isaac Davis (Jr., 2)**; 67 Bobby Harvill (So., 0)
RT 69 Bryan Cornish (So., 1); 72 Verl Mitchell (Fr., 0)
TE 89 Kirk Botkin (Jr., 2); 88 Lee Keith (Sr., 1)
QB **13 Jason Allen (So., 1)**; 17 Doyle Preston (So., 0)
AB 4 Tony Jeffery (Sr., 1); 38 Cordale Johnson (So., 0)
BB **8 E.D. Jackson (Sr., 3)**; 25 Jeff Savage (So., 0)
FL **2 Ron Dickerson (Sr., 3)**; 1 Vincent Davis (So., 1)
K **11 Todd Wright (Sr., 3)**

DEFENSE

RE **99 Ray Lee Johnson (Sr., 2)**; 87 James Mallet (Jr., 1)
T 80 Scott Long (Sr., 3); 96 Terry Spencer (Jr., 2)
NG **91 Owen Kelly (Sr., 3)**; 97 Terry Akins (So., 0)
E **92 Henry Ford (Jr., 2)**; 95 Dexter Howard (Jr., 1)
WLB **16 Darwin Ireland (Jr., 2)**; 84 Carl Johnson (So., 1)
SLB **47 Tyrone Chatman (Jr., 2)**; 40 Willie Johnson (So., 1)
MLB 57 Kevin Kempf (Jr., 0); 49 Kelly Yeager (Jr., 1)
BC **3 Orlando Watters (Jr., 1)**; 10 Dean Peevy (So., 1)
SS 32 Alfred Jackson (Jr., 1); 27 Mike Nunnerley (Fr., 0)
FS 6 Gary Adams (Sr., 3); 5 Ivan Pickett (Jr., 1)
FC 20 Kerry Kennedy (Jr., 2); 26 Kotto Cotton (So., 1)
P **24 Pete Raether (Sr., 2)**

BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Jason Allen, 48–102–603–6, 6 TDs
Rushing: E.D. Jackson, 143 att., 641 yds., 1 TD
Receiving: Ron Dickerson, 25 rec., 372 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: Todd Wright, 12 FGs, 14 XP, 50 points
Punting: Pete Raether, 65 punts, 43.6 avg.
Kicking: Todd Wright, 12–17 FGs, 14–16 XP
Tackles: Darwin Ireland, 90, 46 solo
Sacks: Henry Ford, 8
Interceptions: Orlando Watters, 3 for 13 yards

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***The Citadel***
Sept. 12	***at South Carolina***
Sept. 19	***Alabama****
Sept. 26	***at Memphis State***
Oct. 3	***Georgia***
Oct. 10	***at Tennessee***
Oct. 17	***Ole Miss****
Oct. 31	***at Auburn***
Nov. 7	***at Mississippi State***
Nov. 21	***SMU****
Nov. 28	***LSU***
	****at Little Rock, AR***

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1992 SIGNEES

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Alderson, Winston OT 6–5 265 El Dorado, AR
One of the best OL prospects in the nation; has 5.0 speed in the 40 and will improve; scored a 21 on the ACT and owns a 3.5 GPA.

Arnold, Lawrence CB 5–10 175 Crossett, AR
Played QB, WR, RB, CB and FS as a senior; won the Class AAA long jump title with a leap of 23 feet, 9 inches.

Butler, Jonathan LB 6–0 225 Little Rock, AR
As a senior, rushed for 1,658 yds. and 18 TDs; on defense, he finished 1991 with 99 tackles.

Cantlope, Tracy CB 5–10 170 Dothan, AL
The best DB in Alabama; owns 4.5 speed with a 34-inch vertical jump, bench presses 300 lbs. and squats 575; finished the season with four ints., 12 passes broken up and 60 tackles.

Cherry, Mike QB 6–5 205 Texarkana, AR
Completed 69 of 148 passes for 996 yds. and six TDs.

de'Ville, Derek Don OG 6–4 242 Kirkwood, MO
SuperPrep preseason All-American; Max Emfinger All-America.

Hicks, Anthony S 6–2 185 Arkadelphia, AR
Suffered several injuries early in his H.S. career that limited his progress; has 4.5 speed; one of the state's top 400-meter runners.

Johnson, Marius RB 5–8 175 Houston, TX
Rushed for 1,384 yds. on 260 carries and scored 19 TDs as a senior; as a junior, had over 2,000 all-purpose yds.

Lunney, Barry Jr. QB 6–2 175 Ft. Smith, AR
Completed 117 of 206 passes for 1,710 yds. and 17 TDs last season.

Meadors, J.J. FL 5–8 155 Ruston, LA
Caught 28 passes for 579 yds. and 7 TDs as a senior; finished second in the state in the 100 meters as a junior.

Miller, Chris C 6–2 255 Angleton, TX
Three-year starter at Class AAAAA school; owns a 3.5 GPA and scored 20 on the ACT.

Mosley, Eddie DE 6–6 230 Memphis, TN
As a senior, combined for over 100 tackles and 21 sacks.

Ogden, Jason OG 6–4 265 Friendswood, TX
Played DL as a junior; can bench press 380 lbs., squat 460 and runs a 5.2 40.

Rivers, Scott OT 6–5 250 Benton, AR
A three-year starter; played in a wishbone offense and earned *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* All-Arkansas honors as a senior.

Shelby, Shannon DE 6–4 225 Houston, TX
All-District 18-AAAAA honors as a senior; had eight sacks and was named second-team all-district as a junior.

Showers, Carlos DT 6–6 240 Morrilton, AR
Had three sacks as a DT; graded out at 85-90 percent for blocking as a senior.

Smith, Mark LB 6–3 220 Webb City, MO
Three-time all-state selection; as a senior, rushed for 1,200 yds. and 29 TDs and passed for another 12 TDs.

Soli, Junior NG 6–1 285 Columbus, GA
Ranked among top 10 NG prospects in the country by Max Emfinger; can run a 4.8 40-yard dash and bench press 425 lbs.

Swartz, Tony OG 6–3 275 Dickinson, TX
Three-time all-district; bench presses 400 lbs. and squats 550.

AUBURN ROSTER

Head Coach: Pat Dye

1991 Record: 5–6–0
SEC Record: 2–5–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
	Aldridge, Russ	SN	6–5	227	So.	Columbus, GA
17	Amason, Tony	PK	5–7	150	Jr.	Dunwoody, GA
	Atkins, Ace	DE	6–2	231	So.	Auburn, AL
49	Babbs, Torris	TE	6–2	235	Fr.	Talladega, AL
18	Bailey, Thomas	WR	5–11	195	So.	Enterprise, AL
85	Baxter, Fred	TE	6–4	240	Sr.	Brundidge, AL
	Beddingfield, Bucky	OL	6–3	275	Fr.	Jackson, GA
37	Bell, Doug	FS	6–0	204	Sr.	Brewton, AL
52	Boland, Todd	C	6–4	255	So.	New Brockton, AL
33	Bostic, James	FB	6–1	212	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
62	Brinsfield, Brian	SN	6–1	200	So.	Spanish Fort, AL
35	Brooks, Kelly	FB	5–11	231	Sr.	Tennille, GA
	Bryan, James	RB	5–8	185	Fr.	Tehachapi, CA
28	Cherry, Pedro	WR	6–1	194	Jr.	Windsor, NC
	Clark, Sean	DB	5–11	187	So.	Birmingham, AL
	Craig, Demetrius	DB	6–0	184	So.	Mobile, AL
61	Cromartie, Tim	DT	6–2	269	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL
	Crook, Kelsey	DB	5–8	167	So.	Ohatchee, FL
57	Crum, Juan	OG	6–2	280	So.	Mobile, AL
47	Cunningham, Karekin	LB	6–0	220	Sr.	Peachtree City, GA
	Daniel, Terry	P	6–1	200	So.	Valley, AL
	Davis, Jason	TE	6–1	223	Sr.	Oneonta, AL
	Diverneiri, Chris	K	5–10	156	So.	Shrub Oak, NY
	Dowdy, Gant	RB	6–1	206	Jr.	Damascus, GA
	Efird, Ben	WR	5–8	144	So.	Birmingham, AL
91	Etheridge, Alonzo	DE	6–4	251	So.	Selma, AL
	Etheridge, Scott	K	5–11	144	So.	Valencia, CA
	Fleming, Peter	LB	5–9	206	So.	Blakely, GA
	Fowler, Lawren	DB	5–11	190	Sr.	Montgomery, AL
5	Frazier, Joe	TB	6–0	193	So.	Montgomery, AL
74	Gandy, Wayne	OT	6–4	283	Jr.	Haines City, FL
16	George, Thery	P	6–2	195	Jr.	Seale, AL
	Gibson, Ron	CB	5–11	177	Fr.	Brewton, AL
68	Gray, Chris	OT	6–4	271	Sr.	Birmingham, AL
	Guinn, Mike	DB	5–11	176	Jr.	Gainesville, FL
14	Hanna, Richard	QB	6–0	200	Sr.	Boca Raton, FL
	Harris, Anthony	LB	6–2	225	Fr.	Ft. Pierce, FL
98	Hart, Randy	DT	6–5	271	Jr.	Enterprise, AL
	Hawkins, Matt	P	5–11	175	Fr.	Pensacola, FL
	Helton, Clay	QB	6–1	198	So.	Palos Verdi, CA
19	Hines, Melvin	WR	5–8	159	Sr.	Huntsville, AL
63	Holland, Chris	OG	6–5	227	So.	Pensacola, FL
8	Jackson, Calvin	CB	5–10	160	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
79	Johnson, Chuckie	DT	6–3	280	Sr.	Fayetteville, NC
	Johnson, Don	DB	6–2	190	Fr.	Columbus, GA
15	Johnson, Marc	FS	6–1	178	Jr.	Centre, AL
	Karkoska, Brian	K	5–10	170	So.	Tallahassee, FL
60	Keasler, Shane	OG	6–3	255	Jr.	Centre, AL
	Leonard, Antwan	WR	5–10	168	So.	Marietta, GA
	Malone, Shawn	TE	6–5	230	Fr.	Madison, AL
	McCain, William	LB	6–3	245	Fr.	Anniston, AL
	McGee, Dell	RB	5–9	187	Fr.	Columbus, GA
41	McMilion, Reid	FB	6–0	216	Jr.	Selma, AL
96	Merchant, Jason	DE	6–4	230	Jr.	Citronelle, AL
13	Morton, Clarence	SS	6–3	177	Sr.	Maplesville, AL
	Moss, Joe Bart	PK	5–9	160	So.	Phil Campbell, AL
25	Mounds, Otis	DB	6–1	189	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
10	Nix, Patrick	QB	6–2	185	Fr.	Rainbow City, AL
	Northcutt, Brian	PK	5–9	175	Fr.	Ft. Payne, AL
78	Osborn, Brian	OT	6–6	281	So.	Plant City, FL
50	Pelton, Mike	LB	6–3	235	So.	Goshen, AL
97	Pierce, Bennie	LB	6–1	235	Sr.	Valdosta, GA
23	Pina, Mike	FS	6–1	194	Jr.	Merritt Island, FL
65	Redmon, Anthony	OT	6–4	276	Jr.	Brewton, AL
86	Reeder, Casey	TE	6–4	234	So.	Deatsville, AL
40	Richardson, Tony	FB	6–2	219	Jr.	Daleville, AL
	Robinson, Brian	SS	6–3	189	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
	Roubique, Shannon	OL	6–1	260	Fr.	Denham Springs, LA
84	Russell, Tony	WR	6–3	194	Sr.	Birmingham, AL
81	Sanders, Frank	WR	6–3	195	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
32	Shelling, Chris	FS	5–10	167	So.	Columbus, GA
82	Simpson, Jess	TE	6–1	230	Jr.	Marietta, GA
21	Smith, Alex	TB	5–11	211	Sr.	College Park, GA
6	Smith, Fred	CB	5–9	186	So.	Eufaula, AL
	Smith, Pat	DT	6–2	255	So.	Hartselle, AL
	Stoft, Jason	PK	5–11	170	Jr.	Wickenburg, AZ
92	Sutton, Ricky	DE	6–3	263	Sr.	Tucker, GA
	Taylor, Jason	OL	6–3	290	Fr.	Mobile, AL
54	Thompson, Greg	C	6–3	255	Jr.	Enterprise, AL
55	Thornton, Carlos	LB	6–1	225	So.	Holy Trinity, AL
	Tuley, Jay	PK	5–11	188	Fr.	Montgomery, AL
71	Wallace, Ernest	OT	6–3	285	Jr.	Gadsden, AL
11	White, Stan	QB	6–3	200	Jr.	Birmingham, AL
48	Whitehead, Willie	DE	6–2	227	So.	Tuskegee, AL
51	Willis, James	LB	6–3	231	Jr.	Huntsville, AL
	Yarbrough, Ted	RB	5–11	185	Fr.	Blakely, GA

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

TE 49 Torris Babbs (Fr., 0); Jason Davis (Sr., 0)
LT **74 Wayne Gandy (Jr., 2)**; 78 Brian Osborn (So., 0)
LG Shannon Roubique (Fr., 0); 60 Shane Keasler (Jr., 1)
C 54 Greg Thompson (Jr., 2); Travis Galloway (Sr., 2)
RG 65 Anthony Redmon (Jr., 2); 63 Chris Holland (So., 1)
RT **68 Chris Gray (Sr., 3)**; 52 Todd Boland (So., 0)
WR 81 Frank Sanders (So., 1); 18 Thomas Bailey (So., 1)
WR Dell McGee (Fr., 0); 19 Melvin Hines (Sr., 2)
QB **11 Stan White (Jr., 2)**; 10 Patrick Nix (Fr., 0)
FB 33 James Bostic (So., 1); 40 Tony Richardson (Jr., 2)
TB 21 Alex Smith (Sr., 2); **5 Joe Frazier (So., 1)**
K 17 Tony Amason (Jr., 1)

DEFENSE

SLB **97 Bennie Pierce (Sr., 3)**; Anthony Harris (Fr., 0)
MLB **51 James Willis (Jr., 2)**; 50 Mike Pelton (So., 1)
WLB 55 Carlos Thornton (So., 1); Herman Lawson (Fr., 0)
DT **61 Tim Cromartie (Sr., 2)**; 98 Randy Hart (Jr., 1)
DT 79 Chuckie Johnson (Sr., 2); Pat Smith (So., 0)
DE 48 Willie Whitehead (So., 1); 96 Jason Merchant (Jr., 2)
DE Ace Atkins (So., 0); 91 Alonzo Etheridge (So., 1)
CB Ron Gibson (Fr., 0); 23 Mike Pina (Jr., 2)
CB **6 Fred Smith (So., 1)**; 32 Chris Shelling (So., 1)
FS 25 Otis Mounds (So., 1); 15 Mark Johnson (Jr., 2)
SS 13 Clarence Morton (Sr., 3); Brian Robinson (Fr., 0)
P **16 Thery George (Jr., 1)**

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TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Stan White, 158–317–1927–14, 8 TDs
Rushing: Joe Frazier, 140 att., 651 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Fred Baxter, 28 rec., 391 yds., 2 TDs
Scoring: Joe Frazier, 5 TDs, 1 XP, 32 points
Punting: Thery George, 60 punts, 36.8 avg.
Kicking: None
Tackles: Bennie Pierce, 128, 48 solo
Sacks: James Willis, 4
Interceptions: Fred Smith, 4 for 32 yds., 1 TD

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***at Ole Miss***
Sept. 12	***Samford***
Sept. 19	***LSU***
Sept. 26	***Southern Miss***
Oct. 3	***Vanderbilt***
Oct. 10	***at Mississippi State***
Oct. 17	***at Florida***
Oct. 24	***SW Louisiana***
Oct. 31	***Arkansas***
Nov. 14	***Georgia***
Nov. 26	***at Alabama***

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1992 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Allen, Shay	**OL**	**6–3**	**292**	**Prattville, AL**

All-state; *Alabama Journal* All-Metro.

Barnett, Allen **QB 6–3 200 Alexander City, AL**
Passed for 1,872 yds. and 10 TDs as a senior.

Bryan, Jeff **OL 6–4 275 Leesburg, GA**
Class AAA All-State.

Burton, Myron **DL 6–5 230 Columbus, GA**
Recorded 77 tackles and eight sacks as a senior.

Cooper, Rahmon **LB 6–2 230 Birmingham, AL**
All-state; All-Metro in Birmingham; as a senior, totaled 134 tackles.

Davis, Steve **RB 6–2 217 Spartanburg, SC**
USA TODAY Offensive Player of the Year; rushed for 2,448 yds. and 32 TDs as a senior.

Dorn, Derrick **TE 6–4 210 Daleville, AL**
First-team all-state; ranked as No. 11 prospect in state by *Birmingham News*; had 28 receptions for 598 yds. in '91.

Epkins, Pat **LB 6–3 210 Prattville, AL**
Made 121 tackles and intercepted four passes senior year.

Fields, Damon **TE 6–2 220 Spartanburg, SC**
Caught 35 passes for 583 yds. and five TDs in '91.

Franklin, John **L 6–9 260 Graceville, FL**
First-team all-state.

Fuller, Andy **LB 6–3 235 Huntsville, AL**
Recorded 44 solo tackles as a senior; caught 13 passes for 278 yds. as a TE.

Holcey, Cedric **DB 6–3 200 Tuskegee, AL**
Honorable mention all-state; intercepted seven passes in '91.

Malcolm, Roymon **RB 6–3 200 Ruston, LA**
Signed in '91; Louisiana 1990 "Sweet Sixteen"; gained 1,286 yds. on 161 carries as a senior.

Miller, Andre **L 6–3 245 Meridian, MS**
Signed in 1991; *USA TODAY* Mississippi Player of the Year in '90.

Morrow, Harold **DB 6–1 185 Maplesville, AL**
Signed in 1991; rushed for 2,200 yds. and 27 TDs as a senior.

Primus, Damon **DL 6–4 280 Detroit, MI**
JUCO All-American at NW Miss. JC.

Reese, Adrian **RB 6–0 195 Auburn, AL**
Gained 1,069 yds. on 197 carries last year.

Riggins, Darryl **DB 6–2 189 Ft. Pierce, FL**
In on 107 tackles and intercepted eight passes as a senior.

Roe, Jim **L 6–4 275 Mauldin, SC**
Played both OT and DT; selected for Carolina Shrine Classic.

Rose, Charles **WR 6–1 175 Leeds, AL**
First-team all-state; accounted for 1,379 all-purpose yds. as a senior.

Sanders, Darryl **OL 6–5 328 Roanoke, AL**
First-team all-state.

Scott, Robert **WR 6–0 175 Winter Haven, FL**
Signed in 1991; second-team All-South in '90; won Florida prep 100-meter dash.

Solomon, Terry **LB 6–2 215 Cairo, GA**
Did not play in '91 due to age; Class AAA Player of the Year in Georgia in '90.

Stoft, Jason **K-P 5–8 160 Wickenburg, AZ**
Made 10 of 13 FGs at Scottsdale C.C.

Sullivan, Patrick **QB 6–3 190 Birmingham, AL**
Connected on 102 of 204 passes for 1,207 yds. and five TDs as a senior.

Thomas, Leonard **OL 6–2 247 Columbus, GA**
Helped pace an offense that led the state in scoring last season.

Walker, Ricardo **DL 6–2 280 Darlington, SC**
Two-time all-state; recorded 32 tackles for loss as a senior.

FLORIDA ROSTER

Head Coach: Steve Spurrier

1991 Record: 10–2–0
SEC Record: 7–0–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
26	Anderson, Myrick	BB	5–11	211	Sr.	De Funiak Spgs., FL
6	Archie, Pete	CB	5–10	183	So.	Houston, TX
45	Bartley, Jason	ILB	6–0	213	Fr.	Jacksonville, FL
39	Bilkie, Chris	FB	6–2	223	So.	Holmes Bch., FL
67	Campbell, Mark	DT	6–1	273	Fr.	Miami, FL
63	Carey, Craig	OG	6–2	289	So.	Houston, TX
57	Carter, Kevin	DE	6–4	251	So.	Tallahassee, FL
15	Chiles, Antwan	QB	6–2	228	Fr.	Lauderdale Lks., FL
	Cohen, Michel	QB	5–9	175	Sr.	Winter Haven, FL
	Cook, Kendall	PK	5–8	163	So.	Lakeland, FL
50	Crouch, Gantt	C	6–2	268	Jr.	Live Oak, FL
86	Dean, Charlie	TE	6–2	231	Jr.	Inverness, FL
12	Dean, Terry	QB	6–2	203	So.	Naples, FL
95	Dixon, Marlon	DE	6–3	260	Fr.	Largo, FL
81	Duncan, Monty	WR	6–0	208	Jr.	St. Augustine, FL
14	Edge, Shayne	P	5–11	170	So.	Lake City, FL
24	Everett, Tre	WR	5–9	172	Sr.	Washington, DC
	Ferdinand, Lester	WR	5–7	175	Sr.	Barbados
69	Fisher, Brian	OT	6–5	279	Jr.	New Pt. Richey, FL
29	Frazier, Daryl	RB	6–1	176	Jr.	Winter Haven, FL
36	Freeman, Kevin	ILB	6–0	221	So.	Palmetto, FL
94	Gaines, William	DT	6–5	287	Jr.	Jackson, MS
35	Gilmore, Michael	FS	6–0	180	So.	Chipley, FL
72	Gingeleski, Greg	OT	6–9	282	So.	Sarasota, FL
62	Golden, Dean	OT	6–5	262	So.	Plantation, FL
79	Grimes, Mark	DE	6–4	241	Fr.	Cookeville, TN
10	Grow, Monty	GB	6–3	216	Sr.	Inverness, FL
93	Gunter, Bill	DT	6–5	260	Sr.	Bradenton, FL
13	Hanks, Ben	BB	6–1	207	Fr.	Miami, FL
42	Haston, Henry	TE	6–2	216	Jr.	Stuart, FL
18	Hatch, Lawrence	CB	6–0	182	Sr.	Long Beach, CA
82	Hill, Aubrey	WR	5–11	168	So.	Miami, FL
84	Houston, Harrison	WR	5–10	168	Jr.	Pensacola, FL
	Hurbanis, Matt	ILB	6–0	205	Jr.	Ft. Myers, FL
	Ingrassia, Anthony	OT	6–3	290	So.	Watchung, NJ
1	Jackson, Jack	WR	5–9	171	Fr.	Moss Point, MS
22	Jackson, Willie	WR	6–1	194	Jr.	Gainesville, FL
61	Johnson, Ellis	DT	6–2	265	So.	Wildwood, FL
53	Johnson, Kevin	C	6–2	264	Fr.	Vero Beach, FL
90	Jones, Leroy	GB	6–1	208	Sr.	Pompano Bch., FL
70	Joslyn, Scott	OT	6–3	305	Fr.	Orlando, FL
89	Keller, Greg	TE	6–4	241	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
88	Kennedy, Jeremy	TE	6–4	234	Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK
3	Kennedy, Larry	CB	5–10	182	So.	Sarasota, FL
99	Kerr, Mike	DE	6–5	236	Sr.	Miami, FL
	Kissenberth, Andy	ILB	6–0	212	Sr.	Merritt Island, FL
37	Lake, Eddie	CB	5–10	174	So.	Tarpon Spgs., FL
32	Malone, Kedra	RB	5–8	179	So.	Niceville, FL
9	Matthews, Shane	QB	6–3	192	Sr.	Pascagoula, MS
60	McMillian, Henry	DT	6–4	270	So.	Folkston, GA
92	Mickell, Darren	DE	6–4	268	Sr.	Miami, FL
31	Miles, Carlton	ILB	6–1	237	Sr.	Daytona Bch., FL
58	Monk, Harold	DT	6–2	221	Jr.	Gainesville, FL
8	Oliver, Marquette	GB	5–9	207	Sr.	Pensacola, FL
27	Owens, Jimmy	CB	5–8	169	Jr.	San Bernardino, CA
17	Palmer, Sarola	WR	5–10	167	Fr.	Lacombe, LA
47	Pearson, Matt	ILB	6–1	225	Fr.	Mayo, FL
25	Pouncy, Carlton	FS	5–10	190	So.	Kissimmee, FL
30	Randolph, Kelvin	FB	5–10	224	Jr.	Tallahassee, FL
33	Rhett, Errict	RB	6–0	212	Jr.	Pembroke Pines, FL
46	Riggins, Anthony	ILB	6–4	213	Fr.	Ft. Pierce, FL
41	Robinson, Ed	ILB	6–0	228	Jr.	De Funiak Spgs., FL
	Ruland, Ryan	PK	6–1	195	Jr.	Altomonte Spgs., FL
85	Rushing, George	TE	6–3	223	So.	Miami, FL
65	Scranton, Jerry	OG	6–4	274	Fr.	Orange Park, FL
66	Smith, Dexter	OG	6–2	287	Sr.	Wichita, KS
54	Smith, Lex	DE	6–2	227	Sr.	Dade City, FL
4	Speer, Del	CB	6–0	192	Sr.	Miami, FL
64	Swain, David	OG	6–3	251	So.	Altamonte Spgs., FL
	Tanner, Charles	ILB	5–11	202	Sr.	Ocala, FL
76	Taylor, Ryan	OT	6–4	284	Jr.	Leesburg, FL
56	Thomas, Harvey	DE	6–4	231	Sr.	Pompano Bch., FL
73	Watson, Jim	OG	6–2	289	Sr.	New Pt. Richey, FL
20	West, Edward	WR	5–9	185	Fr.	Miami, FL
2	White, Will	FS	6–1	199	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL
96	Whited, Rod	DT	6–2	242	Jr.	Ft. Myers, FL

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

WR **22 Willie Jackson (Jr., 2)**; 82 Aubrey Hill (So., 1)
WR 24 Tre Everett (Sr., 2); **84 Harrison Houston (Jr., 2)**
TE 89 Greg Keller (Jr., 2); 86 Charlie Dean (Jr., 2)
LT 62 Dean Golden (So., 1); 69 Brian Fisher (Jr., 0)
LG 66 Dexter Smith (Sr., 3); 65 Jerry Scranton (Fr., 0)
C 50 Gantt Crouch (Jr., 2); 53 Kevin Johnson (Fr., 0)
RG 73 Jim Watson (Jr., 2); 64 David Swain (So., 1)
RT 76 Ryan Taylor (Jr., 2); 70 Scott Joslyn (Fr., 0)
QB **9 Shane Matthews (Sr., 2)**; 12 Terry Dean (So., 1)
FB 30 Kelvin Randolph (Jr., 2); 39 Chris Bilkie (So., 1)
TB **33 Errict Rhett (Jr., 2)**; 32 Kedra Malone (So., 1)
K 14 Shayne Edge (So., 1)

DEFENSE

LE **56 Harvey Thomas (Sr., 3)**; 57 Kevin Carter (So., 1)
LT 61 Ellis Johnson (So., 1); 93 Bill Gunter (Sr., 2)
RT 94 William Gaines (Jr., 2); 67 Mark Campbell (Fr., 0)
RE **92 Darren Mickell (Sr., 2)**; 99 Mike Kerr (Sr., 2)
ILB 41 Ed Robinson (Jr., 2); 47 Matt Pearson (Fr., 0)
ILB **31 Carlton Miles (Sr., 3)**; 36 Kevin Freeman (So., 1)
LC **3 Larry Kennedy (So., 1)**; 6 Pete Archie (So., 1)
RC **4 Del Speer (Sr., 3)**; 18 Lawrence Hatch (Sr., 1)
FS **2 Will White (Sr., 3)**; 35 Michael Gilmore (So., 1)
BB **26 Myrick Anderson (Sr., 3)**; 13 Ben Hanks (Fr., 0)
GB 10 Monty Grow (Sr., 2); 8 Marquette Oliver (Sr., 3)
P **14 Shayne Edge (So., 1)**

BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Shane Matthews, 218–361–3130–18, 28 TDs
Rushing: Errict Rhett, 224 att., 1109 yds., 10 TDs
Receiving: Willie Jackson, 51 rec., 725 yds., 10 TDs
Scoring: Willie Jackson, Errict Rhett, 10 TDs, 60 points
Punting: Shayne Edge, 46 punts, 43.3 avg.
Kicking: None
Tackles: Carlton Miles, 102, 46 solo
Sacks: Darren Mickell, 3
Interceptions: Lawrence Hatch, 4 for 44 yards

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 12	***Kentucky***
Sept. 19	***at Tennessee***
Oct. 1	***at Mississippi State***
Oct. 10	***LSU***
Oct. 17	***Auburn***
Oct. 24	***Louisville***
Oct. 31	***Georgia****
Nov. 7	***Southern Miss***
Nov. 14	***South Carolina***
Nov. 21	***at Vanderbilt***
Nov. 28	***at Florida State***
	**** at Jacksonville***

Information provided by John Humenik, Asst. AD/SID.

1992 SIGNEES

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Barnard, David OL-DL 6–2 296 Miami, FL
Second-team All-Dade County; averaged five tackles a game with eight sacks last season.

Bates, James LB 6–2 217 Sevierville, TN
One of the top 10 prep LBs in the nation by *SuperPrep*; had 100 tackles, 78 solo in '91.

Church, Johnnie LB 6–3 225 Ft. Myers, FL
First-team All-State (3A); ranked among the top four players in Florida by *SuperPrep*.

Daniels, Dexter LB 6–2 235 Valdosta, GA
National Prep Defensive Player of the Year by *USA TODAY*; credited with 174 total tackles, 108 solo, in '91.

Davis, Cameron DL 6–4 245 Lauderhill, FL
First-team All-State (4A); Florida Super Seniors Squad; Dixie Defensive Player of the Year by *SuperPrep*.

Davis, Tony RB 5–11 192 Chipley, FL
First-team All-State (2A); Florida Super Seniors Squad; rushed for 877 yds. and totaled 700 yds. on 50 catches as a senior.

Edmiston, Bart PK 5–10 167 Pensacola, FL
Converted 14 of 17 FGs in '91, including a 53-yarder.

Evans, Jerome LB 6–1 215 Arcadia, FL
First-team All-State (3A); *Tampa Tribune* State Blue Chip List.

Ferguson, McDonald LB-DL 6–1 235 Miami, FL
Signed with Florida in 1991; had to withdraw from school.

Green, Reggie OL 6–7 303 Bradenton, FL
First-team All-State (4A); first-team *USA TODAY* All-American; rated No. 1 OL in the country by *SuperPrep*.

Jackson, Demetric DB 6–0 175 Ft. White, FL
Second-team All-State (5A); *Florida Times-Union* "Super 24" Team.

Kresser, Eric QB 6–3 194 W. Palm Beach, FL
First-team All-State (5A); completed 145 of 272 passes for 1,893 yds. and 16 TDs in '91.

Lott, Anthone DB 5–10 180 Jacksonville, FL
All-city; led squad with 92 tackles last season.

Mitchell, Jeff DL 6–4 245 Clearwater, FL
First-team All-State (5A); Florida Super Seniors Squad; as a senior he compiled 81 total tackles with 11 sacks.

Mobley, Dwayne RB 5–11 210 Brooksville, FL
First-team All-State (3A); top prep FB prospect in the nation by *SuperPrep*; rushed for 2,044 yds. and a state-leading 32 TDs in '91.

Nunn, Shawn TE 6–3 236 Ocala, FL
33 catches for 471 yds. with 5 TDs in '91.

Odom, Jason OL 6–6 290 Bartow, FL
First-team All-State (3A); Florida Super Seniors Squad.

Quintana, Nick OL 6–5 290 Miami, FL
Second-team All-State (5A); All-Dade County; ranked among the state's top 30 by *SuperPrep*.

Showers, Shea WR 6–0 165 Alachua, FL
First-team All-State (3A); caught 40 passes for 711 yds. and 11 TDs in '91.

Times, Kenny LB 5–11 225 Orlando, FL
First-team All-State (5A); *Orlando Sentinel* All-South.

Washington, Andre LB 6–1 215 Jacksonville, FL
Signed with Georgia in '90 and played as a true freshman; enrolled at Florida C.C.; has three years of eligibility remaining.

Wilson, Shawn DB 5–11 180 Virginia Bch., VA
First-team all-state; registered 50 tackles, three ints. and rushed for 1,044 yds. as a senior.

Wright, Lawrence DB 6–1 197 Miami, FL
Signed with Miami in '91 but did not qualify; one of the state's premier DBs in '90.

Wuerffel, Danny QB 6–2 193 Ft. Walton, FL
USA TODAY Florida Player of the Year; completed 167 of 244 passes for 3,055 yds. with 27 TDs and only four ints. in '91.

Young, Donnie OL 6–3 270 Venice, FL
Two-year captain; '91 team MVP.

GEORGIA ROSTER

Head Coach: Ray Goff

1991 Record: 9–3–0
SEC Record: 4–3–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
81	Armstrong, Scot	P	6-2	187	Jr.	Jackson, MS
63	Barber, Fred	C	6-4	263	Jr.	Chattanooga, TN
90	Barnum, Casey	DT	6-3	265	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
84	Bohannon, Brian	FLK	5-11	182	Jr.	Griffin, GA
83	Brandon, Collin	TE	6-4	252	Jr.	Huntersville, NC
75	Brewer, George	DT	6-5	272	Jr.	West Point, GA
50	Brownholtz, Scott	C	6-3	271	Jr.	Fresno, CA
28	Butler, Carlo	OLB	6-2	208	Jr.	Valdosta, GA
	Chadwick, Andrew	PK	5-8	150	Sr.	Peachtree City, GA
72	Chosewood, Chad	OL	6-7	295	RFr.	Alto, GA
41	Clemons, Charlie	LB	6-2	225	Jr.	Griffin, GA
31	David, Drew	DS	6-1	196	So.	Cairo, GA
58	Davis, Mitch	OLB	6-3	237	Jr.	Mobile, AL
33	Davis, Terrell	RB	6-1	190	So.	San Diego, CA
68	Duggins, Brent	TT	6-4	272	So.	Carrollton, GA
86	Etheridge, Paul	TE	6-6	238	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
80	Evans, Damon	SE	6-3	194	Sr.	Oakwood, GA
45	Evans, Torrey	WLB	6-2	228	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
15	Fouch, Earl	SB	6-2	191	Jr.	Hartwell, GA
65	Fredenburg, Mike	OL	6-5	290	RFr.	Kennesaw, GA
77	Gates, Steve	ST	6-4	287	RFr.	Marietta, GA
49	Harrell, Maurice	OLB	6-3	225	So.	Eastman, GA
7	Harvey, Frank	RB	6-0	224	Jr.	Dawson, GA
1	Hastings, Andre	FLK	6-2	181	Jr.	Morrow, GA
5	Hearst, Garrison	SB	5-11	195	Jr.	Lincolnton, GA
	Hurt, Jason	WLB	6-0	226	Sr.	Royston, GA
2	Jackson, Al	SS	6-0	182	Sr.	Pensacola, FL
	Jerman, Jerry	WR	5-10	190	Jr.	Richmond, VA
9	Jones, Mike	SS	6-3	215	Sr.	Thomasville, GA
14	Jones, Preston	QB	6-3	223	Sr.	Anderson, SC
51	Jones, Travis	MLB	6-3	232	Jr.	Irwinton, GA
99	Kaiser, Jeff	DT	6-4	240	RFr.	Statesboro, GA
44	Ledbetter, Danny	MLB	6-2	235	Jr.	Norman, OK
95	Maib, Donnie	DT	6-3	259	Sr.	Gallatin, TN
36	Marshall, Whit	MLB	6-2	202	RFr.	Atlanta, GA
29	McCoy, Rodney	SE	6-1	192	Sr.	Villa Rica, GA
94	McKever, DeShay	DL	6-2	245	RFr.	Hazlehurst, GA
59	Messer, Matt	SN	6-0	194	Jr.	Athens, GA
71	Millen, Alec	TT	6-7	278	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
82	Mitchell, Shannon	TE	6-3	242	Jr.	Alcoa, TN
13	Montgomery, Bill	SB	6-0	186	So.	Bowdon, GA
	Muschamp, Will	SS	6-0	195	So.	Rome, GA
67	O'Neal, Greg	TT	6-6	305	Jr.	Milledgeville, GA
3	Owens, Buster	FLK	6-0	185	So.	La Grange, GA
61	Parker, Earl	C	6-3	294	Sr.	McDonough, GA
6	Parkman, Kanon	PK	5-11	170	So.	Stone Mountain, GA
	Pellock, Brett	P	5-11	175	RFr.	Savannah, GA
47	Peterson, Todd	PK	5-10	162	Sr.	Valdosta, GA
	Pickett, Jason	MLB	6-1	210	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
46	Pledger, Charles	CB	6-0	174	So.	Athens, GA
	Powers, John	QB	6-2	204	Jr.	Berkeley Hts., NJ
70	Rissmiller, Scott	DN	6-6	240	Sr.	Roanoke, VA
79	Roberts, Steve	SG	6-3	263	So.	Dalton, GA
64	Rogers, Daniel	ST	6-4	270	Jr.	Lyman, SC
66	Rosenberg, Bill	TG	6-3	268	Sr.	Morehead, KY
57	Smith, Derrick	OLB	6-3	230	RFr.	Memphis, TN
88	Stark, Troy	TE	6-6	240	RFr.	Canandaigua, NY
37	Stephens, Jock	FS	6-5	200	RFr.	Augusta, GA
60	Stevens, Shannon	ILB	6-4	245	So.	Cumberland, MD
	Stinson, Thomas	RB	5-11	225	Jr.	La Grange, GA
32	Strong, Mack	RB	6-0	214	Sr.	Columbus, GA
76	Swan, Jack	TG	6-4	258	Sr.	Woodland Hills, CA
52	Taylor, Paul	OL	6-5	250	RFr.	Rome, GA
8	Thomas, Jeff	TE	6-2	202	So.	Valdosta, GA
26	Thompson, Ralph	FS	6-1	184	Jr.	Nashville, TN
35	Thornton, Mike	RB	5-10	226	So.	Albany, GA
24	Tremble, Greg	CB	5-11	185	Jr.	Warner Robins, GA
92	Wallace, Tom	DT	6-6	275	Sr.	Madison, OH
53	Ward, Damon	OLB	6-1	234	So.	Memphis, TN
96	Ware, Clay	DT	6-3	258	Jr.	Toccoa, GA
87	Warner, James	OLB	6-4	219	So.	Newnan, GA
55	Weeks, David	C	6-6	245	RFr.	Atlanta, GA
73	Williams, Bernard	ST	6-9	279	Jr.	Memphis, TN
19	Wilson, Chad	SE	6-0	179	Jr.	Jesup, GA
16	Wilson, Chris	CB	5-8	174	Sr.	Macon, GA
91	Wolford, Randy	NG	6-4	250	Jr.	Cumberland, MD
20	Yancy, Carlos	CB	6-2	188	So.	Sarasota, FL
10	Zeier, Eric	QB	6-2	200	So.	Marietta, GA

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE 8 Jeff Thomas (So., 1); **80 Damon Evans (Sr., 3)**
ST **73 Bernard Williams (Jr., 2)**; 77 Steve Gates (RFr., 0)
SG **79 Steve Roberts (So., 1)**; 72 Chad Chosewood (RFr., 0)
C 55 David Weeks (RFr., 0); 63 Fred Barber (Jr., 0)
TG **76 Jack Swan (Sr., 3)**; 66 Bill Rosenberg (Sr., 3)
TT **71 Alec Millen (Sr., 1)**; 65 Mike Fredenburg (RFr., 0)
TE **82 Shannon Mitchell (Jr., 2)**; 86 Paul Etheridge (Sr., 2)
FLK **1 Andre Hastings (Jr., 2)**; 84 Brian Bohannon (Jr., 2)
QB **10 Eric Zeier (So., 1)**; 14 Preston Jones (Sr., 3)
SB **5 Garrison Hearst (Jr., 2)**; 15 Earl Fouch (Jr., 2)
RB **32 Mack Strong (Sr., 3)**; 7 Frank Harvey (Jr., 2)
PK **6 Kanon Parkman (So., 1)**

DEFENSE

LT **90 Casey Barnum (Jr., 2)**; 92 Tom Wallace (Sr., 1)
NG 91 Randy Wolford (Jr., 2); 94 DeShay McKever (RFr., 0)
RT **95 Donnie Maib (Sr., 2)**; 75 George Brewer (Jr., 2)
OLB **58 Mitch Davis (Jr., 2)**; 53 Damon Ward (So., 1)
MLB 51 Travis Jones (Jr., 2); 36 Whit Marshall (RFr., 0)
WLB 45 Torrey Evans (Sr., 3); 41 Charlie Clemons (Jr., 0)
OLB **28 Carlo Butler (Jr., 2)**; 49 Maurice Harrell (So., 1)
LCB 16 Chris Wilson (Sr., 3); 20 Carlos Yancy (So., 0)
SS **2 Al Jackson (Sr., 3)**; **9 Mike Jones (Sr., 3)**
FS **26 Ralph Thompson (Jr., 2)**; 37 Jock Stephens (RFr., 0)
RCB 46 Charles Pledger (So., 1); 24 Greg Tremble (Jr., 0)
P **81 Scot Armstrong (Jr., 2)**

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TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Eric Zeier, 159–286–1984–4, 7 TDs
Rushing: Garrison Hearst, 153 att., 968 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving: Andre Hastings, 48 rec., 683 yds., 5 TDs
Scoring: Garrison Hearst, 9 TDs, 1XP, 56 points
Punting: Scot Armstrong, 40 punts, 41.9 avg.
Kicking: Kanon Parkman, 12–17 FGs, 1–1 XP
Tackles: Casey Barnum, 54, 26 solo
Sacks: Mitch Davis, 4
Interceptions: None

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	*at South Carolina*
Sept. 12	*Tennessee*
Sept. 19	*Cal State Fullerton*
Sept. 26	*Ole Miss*
Oct. 3	*at Arkansas*
Oct. 10	*Georgia Southern*
Oct. 17	*Vanderbilt*
Oct. 24	*at Kentucky*
Oct. 31	*Florida**
Nov. 14	*at Auburn*
Nov. 28	*Georgia Tech*
	**at Jacksonville*

Information provided by Claude Felton, Asst. AD/SID.

1992 SIGNEES

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Abnar, Derrington FB 6-1 225 Sarasota, FL
All-area third team; rushed for 592 yds. and eight TDs as a senior.

Bell, Herman TE 6-3 230 Bartow, FL
All-district; all-county.

Bowie, Larry RB 6-0 190 Anniston, AL
Two-time all-state; as a senior rushed for over 1,300 yds. and 18 TDs.

Boyd, Sterling TB 5-11 180 Sherman, TX
Rated 16th best prospect in the nation by *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution*.

Brownholtz, Scott C 6-3 271 Fresno, CA
Named first-team all-conference at Fresno City JC; ranked 20th on *SuperPrep* JUCO Top 100.

Clemons, Charlie LB 6-2 225 Griffin, GA
First-team JUCO All-American; led NE Okla. JC with 75 solo tackles, 12 sacks.

Daniels, Juan WR 6-2 195 Norcross, GA
No. 7 WR in the nation by *SuperPrep*; AAAA All-State; caught 50 passes for 1,237 yds. and 12 TDs in '91.

Daniels, Phillip TE 6-6 205 Donalsonville, GA
Honorable mention AA All-State.

Davis, Terrell RB 6-1 190 San Diego, CA
Transfer from Long Beach St. who will be eligible for '92; second-leading rusher (262 yds.) in '91.

Godfrey, Randall LB 6-3 218 Valdosta, GA
USA TODAY All-USA first team; rated No. 1 prospect in the state by *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution*.

Graham, Ha'son WR 5-11 180 Decatur, GA
Caught 32 passes for 479 yds. and two TDs in '91 at Hinds Community JC.

Hunter, Brice WR 6-0 175 Valdosta, GA
All-region; all-area; as a senior had 39 rec. for 663 yds. and six TDs.

Jerman, Jerry WR 5-10 190 Richmond, VA
Caught 12 passes for 132 yds. and one TD at NE Okla. JC last season; ran a 4.25 40 in high school.

Johnson, Corey DB-RB 5-11 175 Forest Park, GA
Rushed for 775 yds. and eight TDs on 90 carries; picked off 12 passes as a senior.

Jones, Bryan LB 6-0 200 Jacksonville, FL
All-state as a junior and senior; led Jacksonville high schools in tackles with 163.

Ledbetter, Danny OLB 6-2 235 Norman, OK
No. 5 on team in total tackles at NE Okla. JC in '91; ranked No. 36 in nation by *SuperPrep* JUCO 100.

McCranie, Chris WR-DB 5-11 185 Moultrie, GA
Class AAA All-State; as a senior, recorded 62 rec. for 959 yds. and six TDs.

McDuffie, Scott DB 6-1 180 Tallahassee, FL
Honorable mention all-city and all-state.

Meadows, Adam TE 6-7 260 Powder Spgs., GA
Named to *USA TODAY* All-USA second team; AAAA All-State; rated No. 4 prospect in the state by *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution*.

O'Neal, Greg OL 6-4 340 Milledgeville, GA
Transfer from NE Okla. JC; No. 22 prospect by *SuperPrep* JUCO 100; AAAA All-State as a senior.

Polite, Carl DB-RB 5-11 180 Barnwell, SC
Region back of the year; rushed for 1,813 yds. on 235 att. with 21 TDs.

Powell, David TE-DT 6-7 290 Roebuck, SC
All-region team; ranked by *Spartanburg Herald* as one of the top 10 players in the state.

Rouse, Walter OG-DT 6-4 268 Cordele, GA
AAA All-State; first-team All-Region 1-AAA; named to *Albany Herald*'s Dynamite Dozen.

Simpson, Marisa RB 5-11 195 Norcross, GA
No. 22 prospect in the state by *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution*; rushed for 1,097 yds. and 15 TDs in '91.

Smith, Brian QB 6-3 185 Spartanburg, SC
Completed 123 of 227 passes for 2,326 yds. and 26 TDs in '91.

Toodle, Gene DB 6-3 200 Atlanta, GA
MVP and team captain as a senior; led DeKalb County with 212 tackles, 120 solos and 92 assists.

Tremble, Greg DB 5-11 185 Warner Robins, GA
Led NE Okla. JC in pass deflections with 16; rated by *SuperPrep* JUCO 100 as No. 8 prospect.

KENTUCKY ROSTER

Head Coach: Bill Curry

1991 Record: 3–8–0
SEC Record: 0–7–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
9	Ariza, Daniel	P	5-9	160	So.	Miami, FL
1	Armstead, Brad	FS	6-0	185	Sr.	Henderson, KY
76	Askin, Mark	OT	6-5	285	So.	Louisville, KY
37	Ball, Shane	STR	6-2	210	So.	Henderson, KY
59	Beehn, Zane	STR	6-4	235	Jr.	Owensboro, KY
31	Berry, Steve	LB	6-0	210	Jr.	Winter Park, FL
99	Betz, Damon	NG	6-4	285	So.	Wilmington, DE
65	Bradley, Chuck	OT	6-5	290	Sr.	Louisville, KY
23	Brankin, Chris	FS	5-9	175	Fr.	Westchester, IL
53	Branum, Matt	C	6-2	261	Sr.	Florence, KY
66	Britt, Andy	OG	6-4	240	Fr.	Russellville, KY
95	Calvert, Tim	FL	5-9	163	Jr.	Mt. Washington, KY
9	Campbell, Bill	TB	5-10	175	Jr.	Lexington, KY
33	Cannon, Willie	HIT	5-11	170	Fr.	Miami, FL
95	Carr, Chad	NG	6-1	215	Fr.	Sadieville, KY
81	Chatmon, Mark	SE	5-8	160	Jr.	Milwaukee, WI
57	Cipp, Jeff	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	Brookhaven, NY
20	Collins, Carlos	TB	6-1	190	So.	Cincinnati, OH
92	Collins, Jon	FB	5-10	245	Sr.	Madisonville, KY
30	Conn, Darryl	BAN	5-11	200	Jr.	Franklin, KY
60	Crosley, Scott	C	6-4	250	Fr.	Carmel, IN
59	DiGiuro, Trent	C	6-2	250	Fr.	Goshen, KY
29	Evans, Brian	SE	6-0	175	Jr.	Louisville, KY
6	Gilley, Scott	FL	5-10	182	Jr.	Tampa, FL
14	Hall, Steven	CB	6-2	185	So.	New Haven, IN
77	Harper, Dude	C	6-0	240	So.	Clemson, SC
45	Hart, Ryan	FB	5-11	220	Fr.	Needham, MA
20	Hicks, Dan	TB	5-8	175	Fr.	Lexington, KY
22	Hobbs, Troy	FL	5-9	131	Jr.	Miami, FL
19	Hockman, Ryan	QB	6-2	195	Sr.	Harrison, OH
32	Hood, Damon	FB	6-2	205	So.	Bowling Green, KY
52	Jackson, Wesley	OG	6-3	265	Jr.	Louisville, KY
10	Jenkins, D'Andre	CB	5-11	160	Fr.	Mobile, AL
43	Johnson, Ken	LB	5-11	205	Jr.	Ellwood City, PA
8	Johnson, Kurt	FL	5-7	145	Sr.	Paducah, KY
25	Johnson, Melvin	FS	5-11	184	So.	Cincinnati, OH
69	Jones, Barry	OT	6-5	275	Fr.	Ft. Mitchell, KY
16	Jones, Pookie	QB	6-1	192	So.	Murray, KY
87	Kalb, Matt	FS	6-1	185	So.	Newark, OH
91	Key, Donte'	STR	6-3	210	Fr.	Franklin, KY
63	King, Shane	C	6-5	300	So.	W. Paducah, KY
86	Langenkamp, Steve	TE	6-4	225	So.	Cincinnati, OH
84	Langford, Cale	SE	5-10	170	So.	Chatsworth, GA
34	Manchester, Rob	FS	6-1	180	Fr.	Paducah, KY
5	Mastracchio, Paul	FL	5-7	168	So.	Basking Ridge, NJ
57	Matthews, Jody	OG	6-0	255	Sr.	Villa Rica, GA
54	Maynard, T.J.	OT	6-4	260	Sr.	Flatwoods, KY
85	Meek, Omri	TE	6-1	225	So.	Houston, TX
96	Merkle, John	NG	6-3	258	So.	Memphis, TN
45	Moore, Marty	LB	6-1	234	Jr.	Ft. Thomas, KY
50	Neuss, Matt	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	Bellport, NY
15	Niece, Jeremy	QB	6-4	200	Fr.	Irvine, KY
5	O'Ferral, Antonio	FL	5-10	180	Fr.	E. Patchogue, NY
62	Page, Chris	OT	6-7	275	Fr.	Roswell, GA
47	Page, Neil	TE	6-4	245	Sr.	Roswell, GA
64	Parks, David	OG	6-2	257	Jr.	Villa Rica, GA
21	Pelfrey, Doug	PK	5-11	178	Sr.	Edgewood, KY
68	Perry, Todd	OG	6-5	280	Sr.	Elizabethtown, KY
20	Pipkin, Jabbar	HIT	5-9	170	Fr.	Tompkinsville, KY
15	Powers, Travis	ROV	5-11	186	Sr.	Middlesboro, KY
22	Presley, Ted	CB	5-8	170	Fr.	Hopkinsville, KY
72	Purdie, Aaron	DT	6-4	250	So.	Toledo, OH
23	Redd, Donnie	TB	5-7	165	So.	Danville, KY
89	Reeves, Corey	TE	6-3	235	So.	Corbin, KY
36	Riazzi, Matt	TB	5-7	175	Jr.	Kettering, OH
55	Rich, Barry	OG	6-1	260	Jr.	Tompkinsville, KY
38	Robinson, Don	HIT	6-1	180	Jr.	Richmond, VA
10	Rubin, Don	PK	5-9	185	Sr.	Miami, FL
27	Rudolph, Clyde	TB	5-7	166	So.	Pensacola, FL
44	Samuels, Terry	FB	6-2	240	Jr.	Louisville, KY
97	Schlegel, Mike	DE	6-4	220	Fr.	Harahan, PA
35	Scott, Brian	P	6-1	195	Sr.	Hardy, KY
26	Shahid, Salim	ROV	6-3	189	Jr.	Louisville, KY
24	Sherwood, Adrian	CB	5-11	176	Jr.	Texas City, TX
49	Simpson, James	LB	6-1	240	So.	Louisville, KY
80	Smith, Leon	FL	5-10	180	Fr.	Louisville, KY
46	Smith, Reggie	LB	6-3	223	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
58	Smith, Sean	LB	5-11	220	Jr.	Louisville, KY
47	Snardon, David	BAN	6-2	205	Fr.	Louisville, KY
94	Stinson, Robert	DT	6-4	260	So.	Cadiz, KY
40	Sullivan, Roger	NG	6-3	232	So.	White Oak, PA
39	Thomas, Mike	BAN	6-0	198	Jr.	Lexington, KY
8	Todd, Jason	P	5-10	179	Sr.	Stanford, KY
83	Tucker, James	ROV	6-2	195	Fr.	Arlington, TX
12	Walker, Craig	TB	5-10	201	Sr.	Louisville, KY
4	Ward, Sterling	ROV	5-11	175	Sr.	Lexington, KY
51	Wekerle, Erik	LB	6-2	208	So.	Sherman, CT
42	Wells, Dean	STR	6-3	234	Sr.	Louisville, KY
28	Whelan, Preston	BAN	6-0	190	Fr.	Lexington, KY
3	Williams, Duce	BAN	6-0	200	Jr.	Bethel Park, PA

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE 95 Tim Calvert (Jr., 1); 81 Mark Chatmon (Jr., 1)
LT **65 Chuck Bradley (Sr., 3)**; 54 T.J. Maynard (Sr., 1)
LG **68 Todd Perry (Sr., 3)**; 64 David Parks (Jr., 1)
C **53 Matt Branum (Sr., 3)**; 63 Shane King (So., 1)
RG **57 Jody Matthews (Sr., 3)**; 52 Wesley Jackson (Jr., 1)
RT 76 Mark Askin (So., 1); 62 Chris Page (Fr., 0)
TE **47 Neil Page (Sr., 2)**; 86 Steve Langenkamp (So., 1)
QB **16 Pookie Jones (So., 1)**; 19 Ryan Hockman (Sr., 2)
FB **12 Craig Walker (Sr., 2)**; 32 Damon Hood (So., 1)
TB 27 Clyde Rudolph (So., 1); 20 Carlos Collins (So., 1)
FL **8 Kurt Johnson (Sr., 3)**; 6 Scott Gilley (Jr., 1)
PK **21 Doug Pelfrey (Sr., 2)**

DEFENSE

STR **42 Dean Wells (Sr., 3)**; 37 Shane Ball (So., 1)
DT 94 Robert Stinson (So., 1); 72 Aaron Purdie (So., 0)
NG 99 Damon Betz (So., 1); 96 John Merkle (So., 0)
DE 58 Sean Smith (Jr., 1); 97 Mike Schlegel (Fr., 0)
BAN **3 Duce Williams (Jr., 2)**; 47 David Snardon (Fr., 0)
ILB **45 Marty Moore (Jr., 2)**; 49 James Simpson (So., 1)
ILB **46 Reggie Smith (Sr., 3)**; 43 Ken Johnson (Jr., 1)
ROV **4 Sterling Ward (Sr., 3)**; 83 James Tucker (Fr., 0)
CB **24 Adrian Sherwood (Jr., 2)**; **38 Don Robinson (Jr., 2)**
FS **1 Brad Armstead (Sr., 3)**; 25 Melvin Johnson (So., 1)
CB 14 Steven Hall (So., 1); 20 Jabbar Pipkin (Fr., 0)
P 8 Jason Todd (Sr., 0)

BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Pookie Jones, 81–138–954–4, 3 TDs
Rushing: Terry Samuels, 77 att., 307 yds., 1 TD
Receiving: Kurt Johnson, 28 rec., 385 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: Doug Pelfrey, 10 FGs, 20 XP, 50 points
Punting: None
Kicking: Doug Pelfrey, 10–14 FGs, 20–22 XP
Tackles: Marty Moore, 183
Sacks: Dean Wells, 4
Interceptions: Brad Armstead, 4 for 92 yards

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***Central Michigan***
Sept. 12	***at Florida***
Sept. 19	***Indiana***
Sept. 26	***South Carolina***
Oct. 3	***at Ole Miss***
Oct. 17	***at LSU***
Oct. 24	***Georgia***
Oct. 31	***Mississippi State***
Nov. 7	***Vanderbilt***
Nov. 14	***at Cincinnati***
Nov. 21	***at Tennessee***

Information provided by Joey Howard, Associate SID-Football.

1992 SIGNEES

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Boyd, Leman B 6-1 200 Bowling Green, KY
Kentucky Network 3A Player of the Year; first-team all-state; rushed for 910 yds. and scored 15 TDs as a senior.

Brown, Jim L 6-3 270 McKeesport, PA
Honorable mention JUCO All-American; credited with 16 sacks last season at Hudson Valley C.C.

Browning, Alfonzo B 6-3 210 San Francisco, CA
First-team All-Golden Gate Conference at City Coll. of S.F.; caught 71 passes for 1,198 yds. and 14 TDs in '91.

Certer, Daymon B 6-2 200 Henderson, KY
First-team all-state; rushed for 1,629 yds. and scored 27 TDs as a senior.

Carter, Howard Jr. B 6-4 240 Dodge City, KS
All-Jayhawk Conference at Coffeyville C.C.; recorded 56 tackles and five sacks last season.

Curtis, Isaac B 6-4 180 Cincinnati, OH
All-Southwest Ohio; first-team all-conference; caught 45 passes for 889 yds. and nine TDs as a senior.

Davis, Chris L 6-7 261 Roanoke, AL
4A All-State; *Anniston Star* Super 12.

Evans, Travis L 6-6 235 Mt. Ranier, MD
Second-team all-state; last season caught 30 passes for 800 yds. and 10 TDs.

Harris, Robert L 6-4 230 Brooksville, FL
Two-time All-Golden Gate Conference at City Coll. of S.F.; caught 14 passes for 277 yds. and two TDs in '91.

Honaker, Deanthony L 6-1 315 Pikeville, KY
First-team all-state; credited with 101 tackles and four sacks in just nine games as a senior.

Lofton, Billy L 6-3 290 Wilmington, NC
First-team NJCAA All-American at Chowan C.C.

Matthews, Pete B 6-2 215 Zanesville, OH
Second-team all-state; Eastern District Lineman of the Year; rushed for 697 yds. and scored 14 TDs last season.

McLaurin, Raymond B 6-1 180 Radcliff, KY
Second-team all-state; rushed for over 2,000 yds. and 20 TDs in '91.

Murdock, Quincy L 6-3 300 Amelia, OH
Honorable mention all-state; first-team all-city; averaged 85 percent blocking grade during senior year.

Schellenberger, Mike B 6-0 212 Louisville, KY
First-team all-state; posted a team-high 158 tackles last season.

Simms, Jaysuma B 5-10 155 Providence, KY
Second-team all-state; had 13 receptions for 268 yds. and six TDs in '91.

Speedy, Jeff B 6-2 185 Franklin, TN
First-team all-state; passed for 2,200 yds. and 26 TDs as a senior.

Ward, Chris B 6-5 235 Decatur, GA
Third-team All-South; All-DeKalb County; credited with 25 tackles for loss last season.

Williams, Frank B 5-11 165 Decatur, GA
Atlanta Journal-Constitution Top 100.

Wilson, Kiyo B 6-1 180 Paducah, KY
In '91 rushed for 550 yds. and scored seven TDs; caught 30 passes for 392 yds.

Woodfork, Michael B 6-1 200 Paducah, KY
Second-team all-state; rushed for 396 yds. and six TDs and credited with 95 tackles on defense as a senior.

Wright, Eric B 5-10 205 Massillon, OH
All-State Division One first team; credited with 103 tackles as a senior.

Wyatt, Randy B 5-10 162 Paducah, KY
Transferred from Louisville; required to sit out the 1992 season; will have two years of eligibility remaining; caught 11 passes for 204 yds. and two TDs last season.

LOUISIANA STATE ROSTER

Head Coach: Curley Hallman

1991 Record: 5–6–0
SEC Record: 3–4–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
26	Abel, Leo	FB	6-2	215	Jr.	Baton Rouge, LA
21	Adams, Ray	CB	6-0	164	Sr.	Jasper, TX
52	Ballis, Pete	ILB	6-2	223	RFr.	Chickamauga, GA
33	Beckham, Odell	TB	5-10	193	Sr.	Marshall, TX
31	Bell, John	CB	5-11	183	RFr.	La Porte, TX
86	Bishop, Harold	TE	6-6	242	Jr.	Tuscaloosa, AL
67	Blanchard, Mike	C	6-1	255	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
44	Brooks, Kimojha	FS	6-1	187	RFr.	De Ridder, LA
8	Buckels, Carlton	CB	5-9	164	Sr.	Amite, LA
80	Burks, Todd	WR	5-11	180	RFr.	Denham Springs, LA
70	Cancienne, Jeff	OT	6-6	279	Jr.	Luling, LA
58	Cendoya, Juan	OLB	6-3	231	Sr.	Miami, FL
41	Cole, Tony	CB	5-9	179	RFr.	Shreveport, LA
97	Crowell, William	NG	6-0	259	So.	Meridian, MS
2	Daigle, Jesse	QB	5-11	175	Jr.	Baton Rouge, LA
96	Davis, Bo	NG	6-1	282	Sr.	Mendenhall, MS
46	Deshotel, Robert	ILB	6-2	221	So.	Lake Charles, LA
75	Duplantis, Mike	OG	6-4	259	Sr.	Mathews, LA
71	Dupre, Jeff	OT	6-8	290	RFr.	Opelousas, LA
81	Fayard, Jonny	TE	6-3	245	So.	Marrero, LA
27	Fuller, Vincent	TB	5-10	178	Sr.	Leesville, LA
12	Garrett, Mike	TB	5-11	203	Sr.	The Woodlands, TX
55	Godfrey, Frank	C	6-4	251	Sr.	Pascagoula, MS
28	Green, Robby	FS	6-0	182	Sr.	Gretna, LA
82	Hankton, Karl	WR	6-3	195	So.	New Orleans, LA
91	Harris, Leonard	DT	6-6	279	Sr.	Baton Rouge, LA
45	Hewitt, Mike	OLB	6-3	223	Jr.	Slidell, LA
3	Hilliard, Ivory	FS	6-0	185	So.	Patterson, LA
7	Holstein, Scott	P	5-11	222	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
84	Huerkamp, Matt	PK	6-0	167	RFr.	Shalimar, FL
15	Huffman, Ryan	QB	6-1	201	RFr.	Houston, TX
94	Inzinna, Brody	TE	6-1	233	So.	Tickfaw, LA
9	Jacob, Wesley	WR	6-0	189	Sr.	Crowley, LA
34	Jacquet, James	TB	5-8	175	Jr.	St. Martinville, LA
78	Johnston, Craig	OG	6-3	300	Jr.	Crosby, TX
51	King, Mark	OG	6-3	269	RFr.	Houma, LA
76	Landry, Darron	OG	6-3	260	Sr.	Ponchatoula, LA
16	Loup, Chad	QB	6-2	207	Jr.	Baton Rouge, LA
57	Madden, Bryan	OT	6-3	278	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
14	Marshall, Anthony	FS	6-2	196	Jr.	Mobile, AL
60	Mawae, John	NG	5-10	244	Sr.	New Llano, LA
52	Mawae, Kevin	OG-OT	6-4	244	Jr.	Leesville, LA
25	McCorvey, Derriel	SS	6-1	194	Sr.	Pensacola, FL
98	Miller, Nate	DT	6-4	300	So.	Tuscaloosa, AL
90	Morgan, John	DT	6-5	270	Sr.	Rayne, LA
59	Mouton, Clayton	DT	6-2	264	Sr.	Beaumont, TX
92	Nevedomsky, Shannon	NG	6-3	267	Jr.	Humble, TX
11	Pegues, Gary	TB	5-8	176	So.	Ft. Walton Bch., FL
79	Price, Marcus	OT	6-6	273	So.	Port Arthur, TX
17	Ray, Scott	WR	6-3	196	Jr.	Baton Rouge, LA
29	Seamster, Sammy	FB	5-10	210	Sr.	Minden, LA
65	Setters, Ross	OG	6-5	285	Jr.	Memphis, MO
73	Simnicht, Ronnie	OT	6-5	285	Jr.	Ocean Springs, MS
72	Simon, Phillip	OT	6-3	287	So.	St. Martinville, LA
5	Simon, Thomas	WR	6-1	175	So.	Lake Charles, LA
61	Smoot, Raymond	OG-OT	6-4	275	Sr.	Leesville, LA
40	Smothers, Jason	TE	6-0	252	So.	Destrehan, LA
60	Starns, Roman	OG	6-3	233	So.	Center, TX
83	Stelly, Brandon	TE	6-3	288	RFr.	Opelousas, LA
24	Stepteau, Mike	TB	5-11	182	Sr.	San Antonio, TX
63	Sterling, Jerome	C	6-2	247	RFr.	River Ridge, LA
10	Strohm, Brad	QB	6-3	199	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
6	Suarez, Pedro	PK	5-9	176	Sr.	Hialeah, FL
35	Swan, Roovelroe	OLB	6-3	210	Jr.	Shreveport, LA
93	Thibodeaux, Robert	DT	6-3	239	RFr.	River Ridge, LA
68	Turner, Tom	DT	6-5	258	RFr.	Bastrop, LA
99	Valentino, Eric	OLB	6-5	196	RFr.	Houston, TX
85	Walkup, David	ILB	6-1	222	Sr.	The Woodlands, TX
53	Ward, Brian	OT	6-3	272	RFr.	Linden, AL
13	Washington, Ricardo	ILB	6-4	210	Jr.	Bogalusa, LA
54	White, Corey	OLB	6-3	238	Jr.	Shreveport, LA
48	Williams, Anthony	TE	6-2	231	Sr.	Monroe, LA
30	Williams, Bobby	ILB	6-1	212	So.	Ruston, LA
32	Williams, Germaine	FB	5-11	218	Jr.	Donaldsonville, LA
39	Williams, Lee	DB	6-3	213	So.	Monroe, LA
42	Young, Rodney	SS	6-2	205	So.	Grambling, LA

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE 17 Scott Ray (Jr., 2); 12 Mike Garrett (Sr., 3)
LT **52 Kevin Mawae (Jr., 2)**; 70 Jeff Cancienne (Jr., 1)
LG **76 Darron Landry (Sr., 3)**; 61 Raymond Smoot (Sr., 1)
C **55 Frank Godfrey (Sr., 3)**; 67 Mike Blanchard (So., 1)
RG **73 Ronnie Simnicht (Jr., 2)**; 75 Mike Duplantis (Sr., 2)
RT **57 Bryan Madden (Sr., 1)**; 72 Phillip Simon (So., 1)
TE 86 Harold Bishop (Jr., 1); **48 Anthony Williams (Sr., 3)**
FL **9 Wesley Jacob (Sr., 3)**; 82 Karl Hankton (So., 0)
QB **16 Chad Loup (Jr., 2)**; 2 Jesse Daigle (Jr., 2)
TB 33 Odell Beckham (Sr., 2); 34 James Jacquet (Jr., 1)
FB 32 Germaine Williams (Jr., 2); 29 Sammy Seamster (Sr., 2)
PK **6 Pedro Suarez (Sr., 3)**

DEFENSE

LDT 98 Nate Miller (So., 1); **59 Clayton Mouton (Sr., 3)**
NG 97 William Crowell (So., 1); 60 John Mawae (Sr., 0)
RDT 90 John Morgan (Sr., 3); 91 Leonard Harris (Sr., 2)
OLB **54 Corey White (Jr., 2)**; 35 Roovelroe Swan (Jr., 2)
WILB **13 Ricardo Washington (Jr., 2)**; 46 Robert Deshotel (So., 1)
SILB 30 Bobby Williams (So., 1); 85 David Walkup (Sr., 3)
OLB **45 Mike Hewitt (Jr., 2)**; 58 Juan Cendoya (Sr., 3)
LCB 8 Carlton Buckels (Sr., 2); 27 Vincent Fuller (Sr., 3)
RCB 21 Ray Adams (Sr., 3); 41 Tony Cole (Fr., 0)
SS **25 Derriel McCorvey (Sr., 3)**; 42 Rodney Young (So., 1)
FS **14 Anthony Marshall (Jr., 2)**; 3 Ivory Hilliard (So., 1)
P 7 Scott Holstein (So., 0)

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TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Chad Loup, 102–174–1181–8, 9 TDs
Rushing: Odell Beckham, 81 att., 397 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving: Vincent Fuller, 24 rec., 227 yds., 2 TDs
Scoring: Pedro Suarez, 13 FGs, 20 XP, 59 points
Punting: None
Kicking: Pedro Suarez, 13–19 FGs, 20–20 XP
Tackles: Ricardo Washington, 80, 59 solo
Sacks: Corey White, 4
Interceptions: Carlton Buckels, 3 for 59 yds., 1 TD

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***Texas A&M***
Sept. 12	***Mississippi State***
Sept. 19	***at Auburn***
Sept. 26	***Colorado State***
Oct. 3	***Tennessee***
Oct. 10	***at Florida***
Oct. 17	***Kentucky***
Oct. 31	***at Ole Miss***
Nov. 7	***Alabama***
Nov. 21	***Tulane***
Nov. 28	***at Arkansas***

Information provided by Herb Vincent, Asst. AD/SID.

1992 SIGNEES

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Admire, Doug NG 6-2 250 Rockwall, TX
District 12 4-A MVP as a senior; 71 tackles, 10 sacks; career totals of 162 tackles and 22 sacks in two seasons.

Bordelon, Ben OL 6-6 260 Mathews, LA
Two-time all-district OL.

Calais, Mike LB 6-1 210 Patterson, LA
AA All-State, 8AA Defensive MVP; 141 tackles, 5 sacks, and 17 tackles for losses as a senior.

Davis, Robert RB 5-11 180 Birmingham, AL
Mr. Football in Alabama; first-team *USA TODAY* All-American; rushed for 2,432 yds. and a state-record 36 TDs.

Gillyard, James LB 6-3 215 Shreveport, LA
Parade All-American; named to *Morning Advocate*'s Super Dozen.

Hawkins, Robert DB 5-11 190 Dallas, TX
PK in high school; as a senior at DB totaled 81 tackles and intercepted four passes.

Head, Al DB 5-11 175 Amite, LA
Honorable mention all-state; all-district; rushed for 1,246 yds. and 21 TDs at QB as a senior.

Hill, Chris TE 6-5 220 Mansfield, LA
Caught 45 passes for 845 yds. and 13 TDs.

Howard, Jamie QB 6-2 205 Lafayette, LA
Atlanta Journal Top 50; completed 139 of 263 passes for 2,232 yds. and 25 TDs last season.

Jenkins, Jeff OL 6-5 260 W. Monroe, LA
All-state; district MVP; as a senior totaled 89 tackles, 15 sacks, and 4 blocked passes.

Jenkins, Kerry OL 6-7 245 Tuscaloosa, AL
Senior season totaled 65 tackles, including 11 behind the line for losses of 66 yds.

Johnson, Jay RB 5-9 185 Waco, TX
Player of the Year in Central Texas; gained 2,518 yds. and scored 28 TDs in 15 games as a senior.

Kennison, Eddie WR 6-1 175 Lk. Charles, LA
Parade All-American; in two years, caught 86 passes for 1,702 yds. and 29 TDs.

LaFleur, David TE 6-6 260 Westlake, LA
Consensus No. 1 prospect in Louisiana; Gatorade Louisiana Player of the Year; *Parade* All-American; *USA TODAY* first-team All-American; had 31 catches for 657 yds. and eight TDs last season.

Lenton, Clarence WR 6-0 170 Memphis, TN
First-team all-state in Tennessee; No. 1 rated receiver in Tennessee by *Knoxville News Sentinel*; caught 53 passes for 966 yds. and 18 TDs as a senior.

Miller, Robert DL 6-5 265 Hattiesburg, MS
State Defensive Player of the Year by Miss. Sportswriters Assoc.

Moore, Artie RB 5-8 180 Wiggins, MS
All-state as a junior and senior; last season rushed for 1,677 yds. and 15 TDs.

Northern, Gabe LB 6-4 210 Baton Rouge, LA
79 tackles, 3 sacks and 2 interceptions as a senior.

Pullett, Ike DL 6-4 255 Baton Rouge, LA
Transfer from Pearl River JC; 23 solo tackles, 20 assists and three sacks in '91.

Toomer, Robert RB 5-11 205 Sylvester, GA
USA TODAY Player of the Year in Georgia; rushed for 7,868 yds. and 105 TDs in four years.

Wells, Sean OL 6-5 250 Jenks, OK
Played both OL and DL; all-state.

Wilson, Reggie SS 6-0 210 New Orleans, LA
All-state; district MVP; credited with 13 tackles for losses and 21 sacks as a senior.

Wilson, Sheddrick WR 6-3 185 Thomasville, GA
All-Georgia; 66 catches for 980 yds. as a senior.

Workman, Tori DL 6-4 275 Fork Union, VA
Attended Fork Union Military Academy; 12 sacks and six pass deflections to his credit last season.

OLE MISS ROSTER

Head Coach: Billy Brewer

1991 Record: 5–6–0
SEC Record: 1–6–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
52	Abide, Gary	LB	6-1	235	Sr.	Greenville, MS
57	Alford, Neil	DT	6-1	222	Fr.	New Orleans, LA
26	Amos, Dwayne	CB	5-11	180	Sr.	Jackson, MS
61	Battiste, Chris	OG	6-2	280	Sr.	Mobile, AL
36	Berger, Andy	WR	6-0	175	So.	Hendricks, PA
29	Berry, Lance	WR-K	5-11	170	So.	W. Memphis, AR
26	Bonds, Bubba	WR	5-10	156	Fr.	Oxford, MS
6	Boyd, Danny	CB	6-1	182	Sr.	Pompano Bch., FL
50	Brown, Burkes	OT	6-5	265	Jr.	Natchez, MS
88	Brown, Chad	DT	6-7	265	Sr.	Thomasville, GA
27	Brown, Jerry	FS	5-10	185	So.	Bloomington, IN
82	Brown, Patrick	TE	6-3	230	So.	Greenville, MS
73	Burks, Terrell	DT	6-3	275	Fr.	Memphis, TN
9	Campbell, Keith	CB	5-11	176	Fr.	Pensacola, FL
72	Cantu, Lorenzo	OG	6-2	275	Sr.	Germantown, TN
16	Carruth, Bert	FS	5-11	187	So.	Summit, MS
20	Chisolm, Richard	P	6-0	195	Sr.	Lexington, MS
10	Cochrane, Kelly	QB	6-0	202	So.	Harrison, AR
63	Coleman, Sam	LB	5-11	225	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
32	Collier, Tony	CB	5-10	185	Jr.	Tupelo, MS
76	Conlee, Clint	OT	6-4	270	Jr.	Ripley, MS
27	Courtney, Marvin	FB	6-0	197	Jr.	Greenville, MS
45	Dixon, Johnny	SS	6-0	195	Jr.	Harvey, LA
33	Dotson, Dewayne	LB	6-2	260	Jr.	Hendersonville, TN
70	Ford, Artis	DT	6-3	275	Sr.	Pahokee, FL
74	Gibson, Jonathan	C	6-3	294	Fr.	Eupora, MS
46	Graeber, Jerry	TB	5-10	190	So.	Yazoo City, MS
15	Gray, Brad	P	5-11	190	Sr.	Olive Branch, MS
19	Green, Jonathan	CB	5-8	165	Jr.	Columbus, MS
58	Greiner, KaiVan	DE	6-3	229	So.	Stone Mountain, GA
95	Harper, Brian	DT	6-5	270	Sr.	College Park, MD
96	Harris, David	DT	6-5	255	Jr.	Baton Rouge, LA
34	Hill, Jody	DE	6-0	219	Sr.	Falkner, MS
69	Holcombe, James	C	6-3	287	Jr.	Ty Ty, GA
7	Innocent, Dou	TB	6-1	205	So.	Pompano Bch., FL
53	Jackson, Abdul	LB	6-0	234	So.	Atlanta, GA
71	Jerome, Scott	OT	6-4	280	Jr.	Wesson, MS
14	Jones, Tad	QB	6-2	174	Fr.	Claremore, OK
55	Jordan, Joel	OG	6-2	269	Jr.	Clinton, MS
1	Karliner, Randy	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	Huntington Bch., CA
66	King, Derrick	LB	6-0	230	Sr.	Pontotoc, MS
21	King, Ty	CB	5-11	175	Fr.	Panama City, FL
2	Kohn, Germaine	WR	5-11	170	So.	Jacksonville, FL
8	Lee, Brian	K	5-9	160	Sr.	Citronelle, AL
64	Lindsay, Everett	OT	6-5	290	Sr.	Raleigh, NC
11	Little, Robbie	WR	6-1	190	So.	Metairie, LA
35	Logan, Dameion	TB	5-7	179	Jr.	N. Little Rock, AR
67	Lorio, Franz	C	6-0	225	Jr.	Jackson, MS
17	Luke, Tom	QB	6-1	195	Sr.	Gulfport, MS
68	Mangum, Hugh	OL	6-5	250	So.	Memphis, TN
98	Mays, Brian	NG	6-3	261	Jr.	Bolivar, TN
13	McCay, David	WR	5-8	165	So.	Germantown, TN
87	McLeish, Thomas	TE	6-2	235	Sr.	Dedham, MA
56	Meers, Mike	LB	6-0	202	So.	Cohasset, MA
79	Melton, Wesley	OG	6-5	277	Jr.	Midfield, AL
56	Moncus, Darrell	C	6-2	260	Fr.	Trussville, AL
92	Moon, Chris	DT	6-4	255	Fr.	Trussville, AL
6	Morris, Greg	WR	6-2	175	Jr.	Hutchinson, KS
51	Muirhead, Jack	DE	6-1	220	Sr.	Vicksburg, MS
43	Nalley, Bob	SS	6-1	198	Jr.	Aiken, SC
99	O'Malley, Sean	NG	5-9	255	Jr.	Alexandria, VA
31	Orr, Deano	LB	6-1	210	Jr.	Courtland, AL
5	Ott, Karl	QB	5-11	180	Fr.	Osyka, MS
93	Panzarella, Anthony	NG	6-2	240	So.	Marco Island, FL
30	Philpot, Cory	TB	5-10	180	Sr.	Melborne, FL
77	Ralston, Stuart	OG	6-1	265	So.	Pensacola, FL
24	Ross, John	K	6-1	170	Sr.	Stilwell, KS
47	Ross, Lynn	LB	6-0	220	Sr.	Florence, MS
67	Schnitta, Brian	LB	5-11	194	Jr.	Brewster, NY
75	Shahid, Ahmed	OT	6-4	280	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
14	Shows, Russ	QB	6-4	215	Sr.	Senatobia, MS
4	Small, Eddie	WR	6-1	190	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
22	Smith, Randy	SS	5-10	180	Fr.	Carrollton, MS
38	Southerland, Trea	SS	6-0	185	Sr.	Columbus, MS
36	Stephens, Rogers	K	5-10	165	Sr.	Natchez, MS
12	Sullivan, Frank	FS	6-0	185	Jr.	Zachary, LA
37	Swatzell, Scott	FB	5-11	213	Sr.	Thomasville, AL
94	Thomas, Marquise	DE	6-4	255	Sr.	Fresno, CA
28	Thornton, Nate	TB	5-8	180	Jr.	St. Petersburg, FL
83	Turner, Chris	TE	6-3	230	So.	Water Valley, MS
40	Vann, Clay	DE	6-0	235	Sr.	Jackson, TN
23	Vaughn, Gerald	FS	6-3	195	Sr.	Abbeville, MS
76	Wasson, Newton	OG	6-0	266	So.	Greenville, MS
3	Whiteside, Lance	CB	5-9	190	Sr.	Harrisburg, PA
44	Wicker, Trey	DE	6-3	230	Fr.	Liberty, MS
78	Williams, Sebastian	OT	6-4	272	Sr.	Bolivar, TN
80	Wilson, Frank	TE	6-2	226	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
97	Wilson, Stacy	DE	6-4	240	So.	Tupelo, MS

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE 4 Eddie Small (Jr., 2); 11 Robbie Little (So., 1)
QT **64 Everett Lindsay (Sr., 3)**; 71 Scott Jerome (Jr., 0)
QG 55 Joel Jordan (Jr., 2); 72 Lorenzo Cantu (Sr., 0)
C 56 Darrell Moncus (Fr., 0); 69 James Holcombe (Jr., 1)
SG **79 Wesley Melton (Jr., 2)**; 77 Stuart Ralston (So., 0)
ST **76 Clint Conlee (Jr., 2)**; 50 Burkes Brown (Jr., 1)
TE 87 Thomas McLeish (Sr., 2); 83 Chris Turner (So., 1)
FL 6 Greg Morris (Jr., 0); 29 Lance Berry (So., 0)
QB **14 Russ Shows (Sr., 3)**; **17 Tom Luke (Sr., 3)**
FB **27 Marvin Courtney (Jr., 2)**; 25 Jeremy Veasley (Jr., 0)
TB 7 Dou Innocent (So., 1); 30 Cory Philpot (Sr., 1)
PK **8 Brian Lee (Sr., 3)**

DEFENSE

DE 51 Jack Muirhead (Sr., 3); 97 Stacey Wilson (So., 1)
LT **88 Chad Brown (Sr., 1)**; 95 Brian Harper (Sr., 1)
ILB **52 Gary Abide (Sr., 3)**; 53 Abdul Jackson (So., 1)
NG **99 Sean O'Malley (Jr., 1)**; 98 Brian Mays (Jr., 2)
ILB 33 Dewayne Dotson (Jr., 0); 47 Lynn Ross (Sr., 1)
RT **70 Artis Ford (Sr., 2)**; 96 David Harris (Jr., 1)
DE 34 Jody Hill (Sr., 2); 94 Marquise Thomas (Sr., 1)
LCB **6 Danny Boyd (Sr., 3)**; 9 Keith Campbell (Fr., 0)
SS **45 Johnny Dixon (Jr., 2)**; 38 Trea Southerland (Sr., 3)
FS 32 Tony Collier (Jr., 0); 16 Bert Carruth (So., 1)
RC 3 Lance Whiteside (Sr., 1); 26 Dwayne Amos (Sr., 3)
P **20 Richard Chisolm (Sr., 1)**

BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Russ Shows, 99–198–1369–9, 4 TDs
Rushing: Marvin Courtney, 99 att., 454 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving: Eddie Small, 19 rec., 311 yds., 0 TDs
Scoring: Marvin Courtney, 11 TDs, 1 XP, 68 points
Punting: Richard Chisolm, 21 punts, 42.1 avg.
Kicking: Brian Lee, 13–19 FGs, 25–26 XP
Tackles: Gary Abide, 111, 58 solo
Sacks: Chad Brown, 2
Interceptions: Gerald Vaughn, 2 for 0 yards

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***Auburn***
Sept. 12	***Tulane***
Sept. 19	***at Vanderbilt***
Sept. 26	***at Georgia***
Oct. 3	***Kentucky***
Oct. 17	***at Arkansas***
Oct. 24	***at Alabama***
Oct. 31	***LSU****
Nov. 7	***Memphis State***
Nov. 14	***Louisiana Tech***
Nov. 28	***Mississippi State***
	**** at Jackson***

Information provided by Langston Rogers, Asst. AD/SID.

1992 SIGNEES

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Adams, Lawrence QB 6-0 180 Jackson, MS
Selected first-team all-state punter; All-Metro defensive pick and all-city QB; rushed for 821 yds. and scored 12 TDs last season.

Bell, Jon FB 6-1 230 Sarasota, FL
Gained 300 yds. on 25 car. for NE Okla. JC last season; rushed for over 1,100 yds. as a H.S. senior and scored 12 TDs.

Bilbrew, Damon WR 6-0 175 Memphis, TN
All-state; had 21 rec. for 380 yds. and four TDs during senior season; runs the 100 meters in 10.8.

Brown, Renard RB 6-0 215 Brookhaven, MS
Attended Ole Miss as a partial qualifier in '91; rushed for 535 yds. as a senior and 915 yds. as a junior with 20 TDs.

Butler, Jimmy OL 6-5 265 Spartanburg, SC
All-state, all-region and all-area selection.

Fox, Otis LB 6-4 215 Memphis, TN
All-city selection; had 89 tackles, nine sacks, two ints., and four fumble recoveries during senior year.

Head, Paul QB 6-2 195 Birmingham, AL
First-team All-Metro; completed 101 of 201 passes for 1,390 yds. and 11 TDs as a senior.

Hollis, Andre WR 6-2 175 Morton, MS
Member of the *Clarion-Ledger* Top 40; caught 32 passes for 623 yds. in '91.

Jones, Derek CB 5-10 170 Woodruff, SC
All-state selection; rushed for school-record 1,850 yds. and 24 TDs as a senior; had five ints. last year.

Joyce, Skip DL 6-3 270 Trenton, TN
First-team all-state pick; 115 tackles and seven sacks in '91.

Lowery, Michael DB 6-2 190 McComb, MS
All-state, all-area and all-district; had 43 solo tackles in senior year along with seven ints.

Manning, Cooper WR 6-4 185 New Orleans, LA
All-state; honorable mention *USA TODAY* All-American; caught 76 passes for 1,250 yds. and 13 TDs last season.

May, Chris OL 6-3 265 Roanoke, AL
All-state on offense and defense as a senior; totaled 149 tackles and 10 sacks as a NG.

Mays, Marvin DL 6-4 265 Independence, MS
Credited with 85 tackles and nine sacks at Northwest (Miss.) C.C. last season; runs the 40 in 4.7.

McGowan, David TE-LB 6-3 215 Utica, MS
District MVP as a senior; caught 54 passes for 1,354 yds. and 23 TDs during H.S. career.

Moore, Markus LB 6-2 235 Atlanta, GA
All-city selection; had 70 tackles and nine sacks as a senior; runs the 40 in 4.6.

Morris, Jeremy TE 6-5 225 Moss Point, MS
Made *Clarion-Ledger* Top 40; made 10 rec. for 183 yds. as a senior, averaging 18.3 yds. per reception.

Provencher, Shannon DL 6-2 235 Dunedin, FL
Selected to play in Florida's North-South All-Star Game; made all-state in weightlifting; bench presses 350 lbs.

Smith, Mark QB 5-10 180 Wesson, MS
Named MVP of Copiah County; rushed for 1,222 yds. and passed for another 396 in '91; runs the 40 in 4.3.

Thomas, LeMay WR 5-11 170 Delhi, LA
Attended Ole Miss as a partial qualifier in '91; member of Louisiana's Dirty Dozen as a senior.

Trainer, Orlando NG 6-1 240 Starkville, MS
First-team *Associated Press* All-State; 107 tackles, five sacks in final season; bench presses 400 lbs.

Veasley, Jeremy FB 6-3 232 Athens, GA
Rushed for 450 yds. on 50 car. at NE Okla. JC last season; rushed for 1,630 yds. and 12 TDs as a H.S. senior.

Ware, Cassius LB 6-0 240 Batesville, MS
Earned all-state and All-Region 23 at Northwest (Miss.) C.C. last season; credited with eight ints. and five sacks.

Wicker, Kyle LB 6-2 220 Liberty, MS
MVP of Academy All-Star Game; 152 tackles and two ints., while rushing for 850 yds. and eight TDs as a senior.

Woods, Joe WR 5-9 165 Union, SC
All-state selection as a FS; as a senior, caught 46 passes for 814 yds. and four TDs.

MISSISSIPPI STATE ROSTER

Head Coach: Jackie Sherrill

1991 Record: 7–5–0
SEC Record: 4–3–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
65	Anderson, Brian	OT	6-5	267	Fr.	Prattville, AL
71	Ballard, Hugh	OG	6-5	291	Fr.	Kosciusko, MS
69	Bell, Shea	OG	6-1	287	Jr.	West Point, MS
9	Bennett, Andre	CB	6-0	183	So.	Brandon, MS
82	Bosarge, Chris	WR	5-11	171	Sr.	Moss Point, MS
34	Bouie, Kevin	RB	6-1	220	Jr.	Pahokee, FL
41	Boyd, Daniel	ILB	6-0	233	Sr.	Southaven, MS
98	Brown, Jerome	DE	6-5	270	Sr.	Westbury, NY
32	Brown, Randy	RB	5-10	191	Fr.	La Place, LA
48	Brown, Torrance	OLB	6-2	235	Sr.	Decatur, GA
3	Burke, Tom	KS	5-11	156	Jr.	Key Biscayne, FL
70	Caldwell, Matt	OT	6-6	283	Fr.	Columbus, MS
58	Carr, Keith	OLB	6-2	225	Sr.	Florence, MS
96	Carroll, Herman	DE	6-4	261	Jr.	Natchez, MS
88	Clanton, Curt	TE	6-4	244	Sr.	Manhattan, KS
11	Clark, Darrin	QB	6-1	190	Fr.	Natchez, MS
99	Curtis, Johnny	LB	5-11	215	So.	New Orleans, LA
24	Davidson, Charlie	CB	5-11	168	So.	Dothan, AL
37	Davis, Michael	RB	6-1	233	So.	Morton, MS
92	Ellis, Noel	DE	6-6	259	Jr.	Montgomery, TX
60	Ford, Lee	OC	6-0	285	Sr.	Starkville, MS
95	Foster, Tim	DE	6-3	271	Jr.	Griffin, GA
21	Galloway, Tay	RB	5-8	197	Sr.	Wiggins, MS
18	Gardner, Chris	KS	6-1	187	Sr.	Brandon, MS
90	Gibson, Arleye	NT	6-2	253	Jr.	West Point, MS
47	Gibson, James	FS	6-2	183	So.	Dothan, AL
26	Gumina, Scott	FS	6-0	191	So.	New Orleans, LA
87	Harris, Willie	WR	6-1	197	Sr.	Moss Point, MS
57	Hawkins, Melvin	OLB	6-2	220	Sr.	Gadsden, AL
91	Henry, Kevin	DE	6-3	265	Sr.	Mound Bayou, MS
55	Hollingsworth, Tom	OC	6-3	236	Sr.	Hollandale, MS
72	James, Jesse	OT	6-5	307	So.	Mobile, AL
76	James, John	OT	6-3	294	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
7	James, Michael	CB	6-1	205	Jr.	Pahokee, FL
25	James, Tony	WR	5-9	186	Sr.	Clinton, MS
22	Jeffcoat, Jeff	SS	5-10	171	Jr.	Brandon, MS
68	Jewell, Rob	NT	6-4	295	So.	Horse Cave, KY
39	Johnson, Chris	LB	6-2	224	Fr.	Columbia, MS
77	Johnson, Eddie	OT	6-3	291	Jr.	Alpharetta, GA
17	Jones, Chris	WR	6-2	208	Fr.	Tupelo, MS
85	Jones, Greg	TE	6-5	248	Jr.	Sugar Land, TX
54	Jordan, Byron	OC	6-2	268	Sr.	Petal, MS
14	Jordan, Todd	QB	6-2	223	Jr.	Tupelo, MS
93	Joseph, Keith	OLB	6-1	236	Sr.	Pascagoula, MS
5	Knight, Kelvin	FS	6-1	203	Jr.	Natchez, MS
42	Lancaster, Brian	LB	6-2	236	Fr.	Mobile, AL
94	Leasy, Wesley	LB	6-3	225	Jr.	Greenville, MS
40	Long, Juan	OLB	6-2	235	Jr.	Tupelo, MS
4	Luster, Frankie	SS	6-1	195	Jr.	Ft. Myers, FL
9	Mann, Brandon	TE	6-6	247	So.	Rome, GA
59	McCoy, Kyle	OT	6-6	298	Jr.	Louisville, MS
6	McCrary, Fred	SS	6-0	194	So.	Naples, FL
75	McIlwain, James	DE	6-6	231	Fr.	Chatom, AL
81	McWilliams, Steve	DE	6-6	279	Fr.	Meridian, MS
79	Montgomery, Michael	OT	6-2	305	Jr.	Okolona, MS
43	Morrell, Tommy	FS	5-10	176	Jr.	Clewiston, FL
62	Myles, Jimmie	NT	6-2	281	So.	Pascagoula, MS
28	Pender, Runnie	CB	5-10	182	So.	Cottonwood, AL
10	Plump, Greg	QB	5-11	200	Jr.	Hattiesburg, MS
2	Prince, William	RB	6-2	220	Sr.	Vicksburg, MS
29	Roberts, Kenny	RB	5-8	171	Sr.	Hamilton, MS
15	Robinson, William	QB	6-0	199	Sr.	Jackson, MS
67	Sartin, Bill	OG	6-2	291	Jr.	Tylertown, MS
19	Siefkin, Josh	KS	6-0	187	Fr.	Atlanta, GA
97	Stallworth, Chris	NT	6-2	274	Jr.	Moss Point, MS
80	Truitt, Olanda	WR	6-1	189	Jr.	Birmingham, AL
1	Ward, Fred	WR	5-11	172	Sr.	West Point, MS
83	Watkins, Kendell	TE	6-2	248	Fr.	Jackson, MS
20	Williams, Edward	CB	5-10	186	Sr.	Satartia, MS
38	Williams, Lee	RB	6-1	213	So.	Jackson, MS
27	Williamson, Karl	RB	6-2	205	Jr.	Stanton, TN
66	Wisner, Jason	OG	6-3	325	So.	Natchez, MS
45	Woodard, Marc	OLB	6-1	235	Sr.	Kosciusko, MS
61	Wright, Brian	OG	6-5	294	Fr.	Ft. Walton Beach, FL

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

WR **87 Willie Harris (Sr., 2)**; 1 Fred Ward (Sr., 1)
OT **76 John James (Sr., 3)**; 61 Brian Wright (Fr., 0)
OG **67 Bill Sartin (Jr., 2)**; 54 Byron Jordan (Sr., 3)
C **60 Lee Ford (Sr., 3)**; 65 Brian Anderson (Fr., 0)
OG **69 Shea Bell (Jr., 2)**; 66 Jason Wisner (So., 1)
OT 72 Jesse James (So., 1); **79 Michael Montgomery (Jr., 2)**
TE 83 Kendell Watkins (Fr., 0); 88 Curt Clanton (Sr., 1)
WR 80 Olanda Truitt (Jr., 0); 17 Chris Jones (Fr., 0)
QB **15 William Robinson (Sr., 2)**; 10 Greg Plump (Jr., 1)
RB 37 Michael Davis (So., 1); 21 Tay Galloway (Sr., 2)
RB **29 Kenny Roberts (Sr., 3)**; 34 Kevin Bouie (Jr., 0)
PK **18 Chris Gardner (Sr., 3)**

DEFENSE

OLB **93 Keith Joseph (Sr., 3)**; 48 Torrance Brown (Sr., 2)
DE **98 Jerome Brown (Sr., 1)**; 74 Chris Stallworth (Jr., 1)
NT 90 Arleye Gibson (Jr., 2); 62 Jimmie Myles (So., 1)
DE 91 Kevin Henry (Sr., 2); 96 Herman Carroll (Jr., 2)
OLB **45 Marc Woodard (Sr., 3)**; 58 Keith Carr (Sr., 2)
ILB **41 Daniel Boyd (Sr., 2)**; 99 Johnny Curtis (So., 1)
ILB 40 Juan Long (Jr., 2); 94 Wesley Leasy (Jr., 1)
CB **20 Edward Williams (Jr., 2)**; 9 Andre Bennett (So., 1)
FS **5 Kelvin Knight (Jr., 1)**; 26 Scott Gumina (So., 1)
SS **49 Frankie Luster (Jr., 2)**; 6 Fred McCrary (So., 1)
CB 24 Michael James (Jr., 0); 24 Charlie Davidson (So., 1)
P 14 Todd Jordan (Jr., 2)

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TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: William Robinson, 77–141–1167–7, 8 TDs
Rushing: William Robinson, 154 att., 543 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving: Willie Harris, 24 rec., 529 yds., 1 TD
Scoring: Chris Gardner, 9 FGs, 33 XP, 60 points
Punting: Todd Jordan, 4 punts, 30.8 avg.
Kicking: Chris Gardner, 9–14 FGs, 33–35 XP
Tackles: Daniel Boyd, 112, 74 solo
Sacks: Daniel Boyd, Keith Joseph, 5
Interceptions: Kelvin Knight, 4 for 58 yards

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***at Texas***
Sept. 12	***at LSU***
Sept. 19	***at Memphis State***
Oct. 3	***Florida***
Oct. 10	***Auburn***
Oct. 17	***at South Carolina***
Oct. 24	***Arkansas State***
Oct. 31	***at Kentucky***
Nov. 7	***Arkansas***
Nov. 14	***Alabama***
Nov. 28	***at Ole Miss***

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1992 SIGNEES

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Anderson, Koche NG 6-2 260 Canton, MS Second-team all-state; *Clarion-Ledger*'s Top 40; recorded 84 tackles with nine sacks as a senior.

Bonds, Adrian CB 5-10 175 Gloster, MS Totaled four interceptions returning one for a TD last season.

Boule, Kevin RB 6-1 220 Pahokee, FL No. 4 JUCO prospect by *SuperPrep*; gained 1,680 yds. with 16 TDs in '91.

Causey, Kenny WR 6-0 175 Biloxi, MS First-team All-Gulf Coast; *Clarion-Ledger*'s Top 40.

Curry, Dwayne LB 6-3 235 Pascagoula, MS All-state; *Clarion-Ledger*'s "Ten Most Wanted".

Day, Jonathan DB 6-3 205 Philadelphia, MS Did not compete in '91 due to academic problems; second-team all-state as a junior.

Euell, Bernard QB 5-10 170 Jackson, MS Metro Player of the Year; totaled 21 TDs as a senior and rushed for 1,320 yds.

Foster, Tim DE 6-3 255 Griffin, GA Totaled 37 tackles and three sacks last season at NE Okla. C.C.

Harris, Walt CB 6-1 180 La Grange, GA All-state; credited with four ints. and six deflections in '91.

Hill, Trent DE 6-4 275 Houston, TX Ranked among the team's defensive leaders last season at Navarro C.C.

Hudson, Rodney QB 6-0 175 La Grange, GA Atlanta Touchdown Club's Player of the Year; rated the best athlete in Georgia by *SuperPrep*; completed 94 of 195 passes for 1,390 yds. and 21 TDs as a senior.

James, Michael CB 6-1 205 Pahokee, FL First-team JUCO All-American at Garden City C.C.

Johnson, Keyshawn WR 6-3 165 W. Covina, CA All-California; caught 38 passes as a senior for 1,256 yds. and 12 TDs.

Jowers, Troy LB 6-3 230 Gainesville, GA All-Northeast Georgia; made 172 tackles in two years with 14 sacks.

Lindsey, Michael LB 6-3 240 Vicksburg, MS All-state; two-time All-Division 2-District 3.

Lipscomb, Jimmy CB 5-10 180 Atlanta, GA All-Metro Atlanta; intercepted seven passes in '91.

Macon, Joe CB 5-10 195 Starkville, MS Honorable mention all-state; accounted for 1,435 yds. last season as a QB; had 2 ints. as a DB.

McCann, Henry OT 6-6 300 Moss Point, MS Consensus All-Mississippi; *Clarion-Ledger*'s "Ten Most Wanted".

McWilliams, Steve DE 6-6 275 Meridian, MS Originally signed with Miss. St. in '91; as a H.S. senior two-time all-state; *SuperPrep* All-Dixie.

Moulds, Eric WR 6-3 190 Lucedale, MS All-state; caught 23 passes for 484 yds. and 12 TDs as a senior; 4.4 in the 40.

Porter, Alonzo TE 6-4 237 Starkville, MS Caught eight passes for 211 yds. and one TD; mostly used as a blocker.

Puckett, James FB 6-2 265 Tampa, FL Rushed 90 times for 385 yds. and seven TDs last season at NW Miss. C.C.

Taite, Derrick QB 6-4 190 Moss Point, MS Signed with Miss. St. in 1991; attended Hargrave Military Academy; *Clarion-Ledger*'s Top 10; all-state as a junior.

Travis, Lateef LB 6-3 240 Pensacola, FL Totaled 45 tackles and three sacks last season at Pearl River C.C.; *USA TODAY* and *Parade* All-American as a H.S. senior.

Weatherly, Darryl OL 6-3 280 Pinola, MS Second-team all-state.

Wilson, Ike QB 5-11 175 New Orleans, LA Was 53 of 72 passing for 417 yds. with four TDs last season; also rushed for 670 yds.

Youngblood, Torrey FB 5-10 230 Biloxi, MS All-coast; *Clarion-Ledger*'s Top 40.

SOUTH CAROLINA ROSTER

Head Coach: Sparky Woods

1991 Record: 3-6-2

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
21	Adams, Frank	CB	5-8	165	Jr.	Gastonia, NC
17	Alford, Chris	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	McBee, SC
52	Amos, Keith	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	West Point, MS
39	Anderson, Erik	CB	5-10	175	Sr.	Alexandria, VA
9	Beake, Chip	QB	5-9	170	Sr.	Fort Collins, CO
98	Bembery, Cedric	NG	6-0	285	Sr.	Miami, FL
33	Bennett, Brandon	RB	6-0	198	So.	Taylors, SC
43	Brooks, Aubrey	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	Sumter, SC
48	Brown, Eric	LB	6-2	220	Jr.	Baltimore, MD
86	Campbell, Mathew	TE	6-5	245	Jr.	N. Augusta, SC
66	Carter, Darryl	OL	6-3	240	So.	Loganville, GA
12	Cates, Toby	DB	6-0	185	So.	Inman, SC
36	Clay, Rocky	DB	6-0	190	Sr.	Bristol, TN
67	Cooley, Scott	OT	6-5	305	Sr.	Thomasville, GA
83	Cummings, James	DL	6-3	240	Fr.	Decatur, GA
31	DeBoer, Rob	RB	5-10	205	Jr.	Omaha, NE
68	Dexter, James	DL	6-6	250	Fr.	Springfield, VA
73	Dinkins, Vincent	OL	6-2	285	So.	Columbia, SC
40	Dixon, Ernest	OLB	6-2	240	Jr.	Ft. Mill, SC
54	Dixon, Luther	OL	6-5	270	Fr.	Palmetto, GA
61	Driggers, Chuck	OL	6-4	285	So.	Bennettsville, SC
89	Duke, Troy	DE	6-4	240	Jr.	Norfolk, VA
65	Dye, Ernest	OL	6-5	335	Sr.	Greenwood, SC
55	Emmons, Keith	LB	6-1	210	Sr.	Edison, NJ
72	Farrell, Kenny	OL	6-3	270	Sr.	Goose Creek, SC
14	Favors, Kenny	DB	5-11	175	Sr.	Sacramento, CA
35	Flowers, James	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Macon, GA
87	Foster, Boomer	TE	6-5	240	So.	Jonesboro, GA
53	Franklin, Keith	OLB	6-3	230	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
16	Frederick, Kurt	QB	6-3	205	So.	Tucker, GA
6	Greene, Norman	DB	6-2	190	So.	Sumter, SC
59	Gunn, Anton	DL	6-5	240	Fr.	Virginia Beach, VA
18	Guy, Anthony	DB	6-3	195	Fr.	Macon, GA
80	Harris, Terrell	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	Miami, FL
45	Henry, Gay	RB	6-2	225	Jr.	Winter Haven, FL
93	Herring, Delvin	DL	6-5	270	Fr.	Jacksonville, FL
5	Hogan, Ben	OLB	6-1	205	Sr.	Valdosta, GA
46	Howell, Roderick	TE	6-4	220	Fr.	Carol City, FL
26	Inman, Jerry	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	Richmond, VA
77	Jackson, Antwan	OT	6-5	280	So.	Savannah, GA
8	Jeffcoat, Derwin	P	6-2	215	Fr.	Pamplico, SC
42	Jeter, Leroy	H-B	6-2	230	Sr.	Union, SC
28	Jones Jr., Cleon	RB	5-10	200	So.	Mobile, AL
84	Landry, Mike	LB	6-2	230	Jr.	Sykesville, MD
64	Louchiey, Corey	OT	6-9	305	Jr.	Greenville, SC
71	Mayse, Jabbar	DL	6-2	275	So.	Forest City, NC
15	McDowell, Eric	QB	6-2	200	So.	Warner Robbins, GA
90	Mitchell, Lawrence	OLB	6-6	230	So.	Conway, SC
11	Mitchell, Wright	QB	6-0	205	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
74	Moss, Jack	OT	6-6	280	Sr.	Lenoir, NC
60	Muse, Mike	OL	6-6	260	Fr.	Hermitage, PA
3	Nealy, Ron	DB	5-10	165	Fr.	Pottstown, PA
22	Pender, Bru	WR	5-11	180	Jr.	Barnwell, SC
1	Penny, Asim	WR	6-5	190	So.	Clinton, MD
96	Pettiford, Jahmal	NG	6-1	240	Jr.	High Point, NC
25	Reddick, Mike	RB	5-10	170	Fr.	Miami, FL
47	Reid, Konata	OLB	6-3	195	So.	Myrtle Beach, SC
76	Rivens, Antoine	OG	6-2	270	Sr.	Charlotte, NC
32	Robinson, Ric	DB	5-11	175	Fr.	Stone Mountain, GA
41	Robinson, Stacy	WR	5-8	188	Jr.	Sumter, SC
92	Rosenberger, Bob	OLB	6-4	215	Fr.	Warminster, PA
78	Rosenkrans, Kevin	OT	6-6	280	Sr.	Hannibal, MO
58	Rumph, Chris	LB	6-3	195	So.	St. Matthews, SC
19	Simpson, Marty	PK	6-3	190	So.	Columbia, SC
29	Surratt, Cedric	DB	5-11	200	Sr.	Shelby, NC
13	Tarle, Jim	PK	6-0	170	So.	Jacksonville, FL
75	Thomsen, Bryan	OL	6-5	290	Sr.	Belton, MO
91	Turnipseed, David	DE	6-4	260	So.	Spartanburg, SC
79	Wade, Kevin	OL	6-5	335	So.	Farmville, NC
94	Washington, Mike	DL	6-2	290	Fr.	Milledgeville, GA
24	Watkins, Tony	DB	5-11	195	So.	Rock Hill, SC
82	Whitman, Mike	TE	6-4	240	Sr.	Lebanon, PA
23	Wilburn, Terry	RB	5-10	220	So.	Roebuck, SC
10	Williamson, Blake	QB	6-2	190	Fr.	Anderson, SC
95	Willis, Ron	OT	6-6	270	Jr.	East St. Louis, IL

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

WR 1 Asim Penny (So., 1); 17 Chris Alford (Fr., 0)
TE **82 Mike Whitman (Sr., 2)**; 86 Mathew Campbell (Jr., 2)
LT **65 Ernest Dye (Sr., 1)**; 78 Kevin Rosenkrans (Sr., 1)
LG 73 Vincent Dinkins (So., 1); 54 Luther Dixon (Fr., 0)
C **72 Kenny Farrell (Sr., 2)**; 61 Chuck Driggers (So., 1)
RG **76 Antoine Rivens (Sr., 3)**; 79 Kevin Wade (So., 1)
RT 64 Corey Louchiey (Jr., 0); 95 Ron Willis (Jr., 0)
WR 41 Stacy Robinson (Jr., 2); 80 Terrell Harris (Fr., 0)
QB 11 Wright Mitchell (Sr., 2); 16 Kurt Frederick (So., 0)
RB **33 Brandon Bennett (So., 1)**; 23 Terry Wilburn (So., 1)
RB **42 Leroy Jeter (Sr., 3)**; 31 Rob DeBoer (Jr., 2)
PK **19 Marty Simpson (So., 1)**

DEFENSE

OLB 40 Ernest Dixon (Jr., 2); 47 Konata Reid (So., 1)
LE 91 David Turnipseed (So., 1); 68 James Dexter (Fr., 0)
NG **98 Cedric Bembery (Sr., 2)**; 94 Mike Washington (Fr., 0)
RE 89 Troy Duke (Jr., 2); 71 Jabbar Mayse (So., 1)
OLB 53 Keith Franklin (Sr., 1); 5 Ben Hogan (Sr., 2)
ILB **48 Eric Brown (Jr., 2)**; 84 Mike Landry (Jr., 2)
ILB 58 Chris Rumph (So., 1); 43 Aubrey Brooks (Fr., 0)
LC **12 Toby Cates (So., 1)**; 39 Erik Anderson (Sr., 3)
SS **24 Tony Watkins (So., 1)**; 29 Cedric Surratt (Sr., 3)
FS 6 Norman Greene (So., 1); 14 Kenny Favors (Sr., 1)
RC 21 Frank Adams (Jr., 2); 3 Ron Nealy (Fr., 0)
P 8 Derwin Jeffcoat (Fr., 0)

BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Wright Mitchell, 13-24-152-0, 0 TDs
Rushing: Brandon Bennett, 154 att., 702 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving: Leroy Jeter, 27 rec., 272 yds., 2 TDs
Scoring: Brandon Bennett, 9 TDs, 54 points
Punting: None
Kicking: Marty Simpson, 6-13 FGs, 28-32 XP
Tackles: Eric Brown, 101, 69 solo
Sacks: Troy Duke, 4
Interceptions: Eric Brown, 3 for 36 yards

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5 ***Georgia***
Sept. 12 ***Arkansas***
Sept. 19 ***East Carolina***
Sept. 26 ***at Kentucky***
Oct. 3 ***at Alabama***
Oct. 17 ***Mississippi State***
Oct. 24 ***at Vanderbilt***
Oct. 31 ***Tennessee***
Nov. 7 ***Louisiana Tech***
Nov. 14 ***at Florida***
Nov. 21 ***at Clemson***

Information provided by Kerry Tharp, Sports Information Director.

1992 SIGNEES

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Brodie, Quinn LB 6-3 220 Winterville, GA
All-Northeast Georgia.

Carter, Freddie LB 6-2 245 Bessemer City, NC
Honorable mention all-state.

Chaney, Don WR 6-6 220 Miami, FL
Last season he caught 38 passes for 820 yds. and eight TDs at the College of the Sequoias C.C.

Guidry, Earl LB 6-1 225 Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Honorable mention all-state; led team with 111 total tackles in '91.

Hammond, Henry OL-DL 6-8 270 Anderson, SC
All-state, all-region and all-conference.

Harrison, John OL 6-3 280 Hopkins, SC
All-state; played in the Shrine Bowl.

Lauderdale, Marvin RB 6-0 186 Cheraw, SC
All-state; rushed for 1,350 yds. with 13 TDs as a senior; runs a 4.4 40.

Law, Tony LB 6-3 265 Florence, SC
All-state, all-region and Pee Dee Player of the Year; runs a 4.7 40.

Meens, Monty WR 6-3 180 Union, SC
Second-team *USA TODAY* All-American; all-state; caught 57 passes for 1,128 yds. and 14 TDs his senior year.

Nealy, Ron DB 5-10 170 Pottstown, PA
Ranked No. 3 player in Pennsylvania; totaled 48 tackles, two ints. and broke up 23 passes as a senior.

Nicklow, Darrell QB-DB 6-0 175 Arcadia, FL
Passed for 652 yds. and seven TDs; was in on 56 tackles, and six ints. in '91.

Pritchett, Stanley TE 6-3 220 College Park, GA
All-city; caught 32 passes for 750 yds. and nine TDs his senior year.

Richardson, Reggie RB 5-10 175 Florence, SC
All-state; rushed for 1,632 yds. and 19 TDs as a senior.

Rodmon, Robert WR 6-0 165 Miami, FL
As a senior, led the state in receiving with 63 catches for 891 yds.; second-team all-state.

Smith, Ronnie LB 6-1 230 Athens, GA
Second-team All-America by *USA TODAY*; ranked No. 8 prospect in Georgia by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Sterling, Shawn FS 6-1 190 Rock Hill, SC
All-state and all-region; led team in total tackles with 168 last season.

Smith, Elliott OL-DL 6-5 265 Estill, SC
All-state; received ROTC Scholar-Athlete Award.

Sullivan, Eric LB 6-3 230 Laurens, SC
In '91 tallied 155 tackles, nine sacks and had 23 tackles for losses; All-State; Defensive Player of the Year by the Greenville Touchdown Club.

Tanneyhill, Steve QB 6-5 200 Altoona, PA
Parade All-American; *SuperPrep* All-American; passed for 2,172 yds. as a senior; threw for more than 5,200 yds. and 29 TDs during his prep career.

Troupe, Joe RB 5-10 185 Tampa, FL
Rushed for 999 yds. and 16 TDs in '91; *Sarasota-Herald Tribune* Top 20 squad; runs a 4.4 40.

Turnipseed, Lee LB 6-2 230 Spartanburg, SC
All-state and all-area; totaled 115 tackles, six sacks and 12 tackles for loss in '91.

Wright, Larry OL-DL 6-4 265 Jacksonville, FL
All-state; Jacksonville Super 11 team; Florida Super 24 squad.

Young, Benji LB 6-1 200 Rock Hill, SC
All-state; accumulated 144 tackles, broke up 16 passes, had 12 sacks and 23 tackles for loss in '91.

TENNESSEE ROSTER

Head Coach: Johnny Majors

1991 Record: 9–3–0
SEC Record: 5–2–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
70	Alston, Chris	C	6-2	295	So.	Hopkins, SC
10	Becksvoort, John	KS	6-1	170	So.	Chattanooga, TN
67	Bell, David	DT	6-3	258	So.	Columbus, GA
26	Bennett, David	DB	6-1	194	Sr.	Germantown, TN
91	Bonham, Shane	DE	6-2	262	Jr.	Fairbanks, AK
16	Brown, Victor	DB	6-1	208	Jr.	Savannah, GA
44	Brunson, Mario	FB	6-1	245	Jr.	Portsmouth, VA
29	Campbell, Kenneth	FB	6-2	229	Jr.	Chattanooga, TN
20	Chapman, Joey	KS	6-1	172	Jr.	Franklin, TN
14	Colquitt, Jerry	QB	6-4	190	So.	Oak Ridge, TN
1	Davis, Ronald	WR	5-11	196	So.	Bartlett, TN
8	Dutton, Cliff	WR	5-11	173	So.	Sykesville, MD
93	Epstein, Jason	KS	5-9	153	Sr.	E. Amherst, NY
4	Faulkner, Craig	WR	5-11	177	Jr.	Richmond, KY
34	Fisher, Armandos	LB	6-1	217	So.	E. St. Louis, IL
12	Fleming, Cory	WR	6-3	212	Jr.	Nashville, TN
81	Freeman, Dwayne	WR	6-2	205	Sr.	Hagerstown, MD
47	Frost, Tim	DB	6-2	200	Fr.	Scottdale, GA
63	Gordon, Rodney	OT	6-1	284	Sr.	Toledo, OH
24	Hayden, Aaron	RB	6-0	206	So.	Detroit, MI
28	Henson, Tavio	DB	5-10	204	Sr.	Severn, MD
53	Holland, Mark	C	6-3	240	So.	Dayton, TN
82	Horn, David	TE	6-4	234	Fr.	Jonesboro, GA
43	Hutton, Tom	P	6-1	181	So.	Memphis, TN
41	Ingram, Reggie	LB	6-2	255	Jr.	Memphis, TN
39	Jakobik, Jack	DB	6-0	181	Sr.	Nashville, TN
31	Jeter, Keith	FB	6-0	212	Jr.	Weirton, WV
27	Jones, Kendrick	WR-DB	5-8	193	So.	Collierville, TN
58	Kelly, Todd	DE	6-4	262	Sr.	Hampton, VA
11	Kerr, Lloyd	TE	6-3	235	Jr.	Bolingbrook, IL
42	Kidd, George	LB	6-1	205	Fr.	Milan, TN
66	Layman, Jason	DT	6-5	286	Fr.	Sevierville, TN
5	Lewis, Roderick	DB	6-3	196	Jr.	Mobile, AL
96	Mays, Kevin	DT	6-4	284	So.	Kingston, TN
6	McCleskey, J.J.	WR	5-8	172	Sr.	Knoxville, TN
71	Miller, Bubba	OG	6-1	290	Fr.	Franklin, TN
35	Mitchell, Cleon	FB	6-1	247	Fr.	Lauderdale Lks., FL
85	Morris, Horace	DE	6-3	224	Jr.	Miami, FL
69	Noe, Richie	LB	6-1	228	Sr.	Clinton, TN
55	Patterson, Ryan	DT	6-3	277	Jr.	Jenks, OK
73	Peterson, Trey	OG	6-3	290	Fr.	New Smyrna Bch., FL
19	Phillips, Mose	RB	6-0	220	So.	Nashville, TN
30	Powe, Roc	FB	6-0	230	So.	Mobile, AL
17	Prigmore, Quincy	QB	6-1	224	Fr.	Cleveland, TN
92	Ratliffe, Leslie	OT	6-7	290	Fr.	Newport, AR
94	Richards, Willie	LB	6-3	254	Sr.	Griffin, GA
54	Riddick, Rodney	OG	6-3	280	So.	Hampton, VA
80	Ruth, Rodney	WR	5-11	160	Sr.	Severn, MD
37	Sanders, Jesse	RB	5-11	200	Fr.	Sebring, FL
9	Session, Steve	DB	6-0	192	Sr.	Natchez, MS
21	Shuler, Heath	QB	6-3	208	So.	Bryson City, NC
74	Smith, Jeff	OG	6-3	300	Fr.	Decatur, TN
3	Smith, Tracy	DB	5-9	190	Sr.	Jonesboro, GA
57	Spivey, Brian	C	6-2	280	Sr.	Jefferson City, TN
88	Spivey, Jeremy	LB	6-3	218	So.	Nashville, TN
33	Stewart, James	RB	6-1	195	So.	Morristown, TN
98	Stone, Cory	DT	6-2	266	So.	Memphis, TN
59	Stowell, Mike	OT	6-2	290	Sr.	Meridian, ID
48	Surlas, J.J.	DT	6-4	258	Sr.	Mt. Pleasant, PA
90	Talley, Ben	LB	6-3	228	So.	Griffin, GA
13	Thomas, Dave	DB	6-3	209	Sr.	Miami, FL
97	Todd, Robert	TE	6-5	257	Sr.	Germantown, TN
38	Tullis, Jeff	DT	6-1	261	Sr.	Cape Girardeau, MO
78	Warren, James	OT	6-7	290	Jr.	Memphis, TN
15	Wheaton, Lance	QB	5-11	205	So.	Kingston, TN
64	White, Steve	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Memphis, TN
72	Wilson, James	DE	6-3	253	Jr.	Hampton, VA
99	Yatkowski, Paul	DT	6-3	262	Jr.	Winnipeg, CAN

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

TE 97 Robert Todd (Sr., 1); 82 David Horn (Fr., 0)
LT **59 Mike Stowell (Sr., 3)**; 75 Leslie Ratliffe (Fr., 0)
LG 71 Bubba Miller (Fr., 0); 54 Rodney Riddick (So., 0)
C 57 Brian Spivey (Sr., 3); 70 Chris Alston (So., 0)
RG 74 Jeff Smith (Fr., 0); 55 Trey Peterson (Fr., 0)
RT 63 Rodney Gordon (Sr., 2); 78 James Warren (Jr., 1)
SE **4 Craig Faulkner (Jr., 2)**; 8 Cliff Dutton (So., 0)
QB 21 Heath Shuler (So., 1); 14 Jerry Colquitt (So., 1)
WB 6 J.J. McCleskey (Sr., 3); 12 Cory Fleming (Jr., 2)
TB **33 James Stewart (So., 1)**; 24 Aaron Hayden (So., 1)
FB **44 Mario Brunson (Jr., 2)**; 29 Kenneth Campbell (Jr., 2)
PK 10 John Becksvoort (So., 1)

DEFENSE

LE 92 Shane Bonham (Jr., 0); 72 James Wilson (Jr., 2)
LT 66 Jason Layman (Fr., 0); 99 Paul Yatkowski (Jr., 0)
RT **48 J.J. Surlas (Sr., 2)**; 96 Kevin Mays (So., 1)
RE 58 Todd Kelly (Sr., 3); 85 Horace Morris (Jr., 1)
LLB 41 Reggie Ingram (Jr., 2); 42 George Kidd (Fr., 0)
MLB 94 Willie Richards (Sr., 0); 34 Armandos Fisher (So., 0)
RLB 90 Ben Talley (So., 1); 64 Steve White (Fr., 0)
LCB 3 Tracy Smith (Sr., 2); 13 Dave Thomas (Sr., 1)
RCB 9 Steve Session (Sr., 1); 28 Tavio Henson (Sr., 3)
SS 16 Victor Brown (Jr., 0); **5 Roderick Lewis (Jr., 2)**
FS 26 David Bennett (Sr., 3); 27 Kendrick Jones (So., 1)
P 43 Tom Hutton (So., 1)

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Number after class indicates letters won

TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Heath Shuler, 2-4-23-0, 1 TD
Rushing: James Stewart, 190 att., 939 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving: Craig Faulkner, 35 rec., 509 yds., 1 TD
Scoring: John Becksvoort, 15 FGs, 28 XP, 73 points
Punting: Tom Hutton, 32 punts, 41.9 avg.
Kicking: John Becksvoort, 15–21 FGs, 28–28 XP
Tackles: Roderick Lewis, 33, 21 solo
Sacks: Todd Kelly, 5.5
Interceptions: Tracy Smith, 1 for 38 yds., 1 TD

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***SW Louisiana***
Sept. 12	***at Georgia***
Sept. 19	***Florida***
Sept. 26	***Cincinnati***
Oct. 3	***at LSU***
Oct. 10	***Arkansas***
Oct. 17	***Alabama***
Oct. 31	***at South Carolina***
Nov. 14	***at Memphis State***
Nov. 21	***Kentucky***
Nov. 28	***at Vanderbilt***

Information provided by Bud Ford, Asst. AD/SID.

1992 SIGNEES

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Boyd, Taurick L 6–5 230 Memphis, TN
Named to *SuperPrep*'s All-Dixie team; finished '91 season with 23 sacks.

Brown, Lamar B 5–10 160 Delray Beach, FL
Averaged 41.3 yds. on eight kickoff returns and rushed for 702 yds. on 85 carries at TB; runs 4.3 in the 40.

Burton, Shane L 6–6 242 Catawba, NC
Chosen to *SuperPrep*'s All-America team as a DL; recorded 59 tackles and six sacks in '91; caught 25 passes for 340 yds. as a TE.

Emery, John B 6–3 220 Norco, LA
Member of Louisiana All-State, All-Metro and All-District squads; averaged 12 tackles per game as a senior.

Foland, Clinton L 6–7 250 Rockwood, TN
Named to Lemming's All-Southeast squad; recorded 78 tackles and six sacks last season; runs the 40 in 4.9.

Ford, Chester B 6–0 232 Danville, KY
USA TODAY's Kentucky Player of the Year; Class AA Player of the Year; averaged 14 tackles and two sacks a game in '91.

Galyon, Scott B 6–3 220 Seymour, TN
First-team AA All-State selection at DB; totaled 91 tackles and had four ints. last year.

Garner, Charlie B 5–10 185 Falls Church, VA
Ranked as the No. 2 JUCO RB by *SuperPrep*; rushed for 2,059 yds. and 26 TDs in '90 at Scottsdale (Ariz.) C.C.; injuries limited him to 756 yds. in '91.

Gibson, Brent L 6–5 260 Canton, NC
Totaled 43 stops and six tackles for loss from DE position; one of the top four linemen in North Carolina.

Graves, Mark L 6–4 275 Marietta, GA
Rated as one of the top five OL prospects in Georgia; bench presses 320 lbs.

Helton, Todd B 6–2 190 Knoxville, TN
Gatorade Circle of Champions Tennessee Player of the Year; named Class AAA's "Mr. Football"; as a senior, he completed 134 of 235 for 1,904 yds. and 22 TDs.

Hines, Tyrone B 6–3 210 Brownsville, TN
Named to *SuperPrep*'s All-Dixie squad; had 52 tackles and seven sacks at DE spot.

Howard, Richard L 6–7 310 Oak Ridge, TN
No. 2 on *The Knoxville News-Sentinel*'s Top 25; No. 9 nationally among OT prospects; bench presses 380 lbs.

Jenkins, DeRon B 6–0 170 St. Louis, MO
Had 74 tackles and two ints. in '91; a long jump specialist, considered one of the top prep leapers in the U.S.

Jester, Nick B 6–1 200 Delray Beach, FL
Named All-District DE by Florida Coaches Association; had 82 tackles in eight games as a senior.

Kent, Joey B 6–2 170 Huntsville, AL
Totaled 26 rec. for 579 yds. and four TDs in '91.

Lane, Eric B 6–2 195 Chestnut Rdge., NY
Selected to the Downtown Athletic Club of New York Heisman H.S. All-Star squad.

Nelson, Ralph L 6–1 280 Kingsport, TN
First-team AAA All-State selection; bench presses 465 lbs.

Parker, Jason B 6–1 190 Garland, TX
Chosen to All-America teams by Max Emfinger, Tom Lemming and *SuperPrep*; totaled 54 stops and three ints. from his FS spot.

Pfeiffer, Scott L 6–5 230 St. Louis, MO
No. 4 on *St. Louis Post Dispatch*'s 10 Most Wanted list; caught 42 passes for 591 yds. and four TDs as a senior.

Rhodes, Patrick L 6–4 280 Rocky Face, GA
First-team AAA All-State.

Sartelle, John L 6–4 230 Memphis, TN
No. 3 on *The Knoxville News-Sentinel*'s Top 25; first-team AA All-State selection at TE; had 23 catches his senior season for 391 yds. and five TDs.

Silvan, Nilo B 5–10 170 Covington, LA
Louisiana MVP as a junior; averaged 10.2 yds. per carry as a senior.

Stinson, Rudy L 6–3 295 Knoxville, TN
Second-team All-USA by *USA TODAY*; first-team AA All-State selection.

Summers, Shawn B 5–9 175 Oak Ridge, TN
First-team AAA All-State selection at RB; rushed for 4,655 yds. and scored 57 TDs during his career.

Taylor, Leland L 6–4 280 Louisville, KY
Gatorade Circle of Champions Kentucky Player of the Year; recorded 86 tackles including 20 sacks in '91.

Upton, Mark L 6–3 260 Soddy Daisy, TN
First-team AAA All-State; had 28 minus-yardage tackles in 10 games.

VANDERBILT ROSTER

Head Coach: Gerry DiNardo

1991 Record: 5-6-0
SEC Record: 3-4-0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
49	Akos, Pat	TE	6-5	255	Jr.	Parma, OH
36	Allmon, Mario	TB	5-8	170	So.	Cincinnati, OH
1	Anderson, Tremayne	WB	6-1	192	Fr.	Dayton, OH
32	Atterberry, Derrick	CB	6-0	176	Fr.	Dayton, OH
12	Banks, Gabe	TB	6-0	183	Fr.	Dublin, OH
72	Bell, Ryan	OG	6-3	273	Jr.	Detroit, MI
92	Bossier, Derick	DE	6-1	248	Jr.	Hahnville, LA
44	Breazeale, Steve	LB	6-2	220	So.	Shalimar, FL
8	Brothers, Jeff	FS	6-1	177	Jr.	Franklin, TN
37	Brown, Brad	LB	6-3	235	Jr.	Russellville, KY
16	Buxton, Dale	SE	5-10	166	Fr.	Charleston, IL
77	Cannon, Don	OG	6-2	270	So.	St. Louis, MO
20	Chalmers, Sam	LB	6-2	236	Jr.	Rochester, PA
90	Chura, Robbie	KS	5-6	155	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
40	Collins, Gerald	LB	6-3	250	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
64	Dahlberg, Eric	OT	6-6	277	Jr.	Mt. Prospect, IL
11	Davis, Robert	CB	5-9	193	Jr.	Nashville, TN
52	DeWitt, John	DE	6-4	240	Jr.	Ft. Smith, AR
68	Diggs, Brian	OT	6-7	276	So.	Columbus, OH
28	Dixon, Tor	CB	5-10	181	Fr.	Columbus, OH
54	Dooling, John	OG	6-3	285	Jr.	Alton, IL
10	Ellerbe, Jason	FS	6-1	182	Fr.	Sealy, TX
99	Estevez, Ryan	SE	6-1	185	Fr.	St. Petersburg, FL
5	Fant, Charles	QB	6-0	190	Fr.	Milford, OH
67	Fitz, Tim	C	6-4	251	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
39	Francis, Rico	LB	6-0	202	Jr.	Louisville, KY
51	Gandolfo, Mike	NG	6-1	234	Sr.	Houston, TX
63	Gardner, Jeff	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Portland, OR
86	Gordon, Shea	TE	6-3	232	So.	Houston, TX
23	Griffin, Darryl	WB	5-11	194	Fr.	Chicago, IL
46	Howell, Matt	WB	5-11	176	Fr.	Tampa, FL
25	Jackson, Tony	TB	5-8	170	Jr.	Saginaw, MI
66	Johnson, Eric	LB	6-0	185	Fr.	Whitefish Bay, WI
46	Jones, Jody	LB	5-10	206	Fr.	Nashville, TN
98	Jones, Mike	NG	6-2	264	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
55	Josey, Bryan	OT	6-5	271	Fr.	Cantonment, FL
81	Juliano, Rob	KS	5-10	190	Fr.	Mt. Laurel, NJ
43	King, Byron	CB	5-11	188	So.	Missouri City, TX
85	Koepke, Bryon	LB	6-4	224	Fr.	Chicago Hgts., IL
80	Latore, Dan	TE	6-4	243	Fr.	Middletown, NJ
89	Lawrence, David	P	6-4	212	Sr.	Rome, GA
19	Leavell, Alvin	CB	5-8	169	So.	Duncanville, TX
22	Lewis, Eric	TB	6-0	204	So.	Oxford, AL
84	McDermond, Bill	LB	6-2	196	Fr.	Darnestown, MD
96	Melton, Ricky	LB	6-1	208	So.	West Point, MS
70	Mikesell, Mark	OG	6-4	272	Jr.	Louisville, KY
83	Neal, David	TE	6-4	244	Jr.	Columbus, OH
75	O'Connell, Jason	OG	6-4	276	So.	Bloomfield Hills, MI
87	Owen, Wayne	TE	6-2	234	So.	Powder Spgs., GA
24	Payne, Derrick	WB	5-7	175	Sr.	Memphis, TN
13	Peebles, Joe	QB	6-2	201	Jr.	Murfreesboro, TN
38	Pryor, Will	FB	5-9	205	Jr.	Homewood, AL
31	Quarles, Shelton	LB	6-2	222	Jr.	Nashville, TN
76	Reynolds, Robert	OT	6-6	317	So.	Louisville, KY
41	Rogers, Gary	LB	6-3	215	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
21	Ryals, Chris	FS	6-0	180	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
60	Saenz, Richard	C	6-4	256	So.	Houston, TX
42	Scarbrough, Alex	TB	6-1	192	Fr.	Birmingham, AL
17	Sevillian, Clarence	SE	6-0	184	Sr.	Flint, MI
61	Small, Clint	C	6-3	265	So.	Austin, TX
27	Smith, Aaron	FS	5-11	193	Jr.	Troy, OH
59	Stanford, Ashley	DE	6-2	254	Jr.	Russellville, AL
79	Stepp, Rick	OT	6-4	275	Fr.	Sarasota, FL
62	Sullivan, Bill	NG	6-3	256	So.	Houston, TX
53	Tandy, David	DE	6-4	262	Fr.	Owensboro, KY
34	Thomas, Carlos	FB	5-10	216	Sr.	Memphis, TN
93	Vascocu, Jerry	NG	6-2	258	Fr.	Ruston, LA
71	Vincent, Tom	OT	6-6	282	Sr.	Brownsville, KY
15	Walter, Nizam	SS	5-11	197	So.	Los Angeles, CA
26	Weir, Eric	SE	6-2	175	Jr.	Houston, TX
14	Whatley, Gabriel	FS	6-0	180	So.	Stone Mtn., GA
4	Wilham, Derek	TB	5-9	180	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
2	Wilson, Marcus	QB	6-1	197	Sr.	Louisville, KY
9	Young, Robbie	CB	6-1	190	Sr.	Evansville, IN

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

TE **49 Pat Akos (Jr., 2)**; 83 David Neal (Jr., 2)
LT **64 Eric Dahlberg (Jr., 2)**; 55 Bryan Josey (Fr., 0)
LG 72 Ryan Bell (Jr., 2); 77 Don Cannon (So., 0)
C **60 Richard Saenz (So., 1)**; 61 Clint Small (So., 0)
RG **54 John Dooling (Jr., 2)**; 70 Mark Mikesell (Jr., 2)
RT 71 Tom Vincent (Sr., 3); 68 Brian Diggs (So., 0)
SE **17 Clarence Sevillian (Sr., 3)**; 26 Eric Weir (Jr., 1)
QB **2 Marcus Wilson (Sr., 3)**; 5 Charles Fant (Fr., 0)
FB **34 Carlos Thomas (Sr., 3)**; 38 Will Pryor (Jr., 0)
TB 25 Tony Jackson (Jr., 2); 36 Mario Allmon (So., 0)
WB **24 Derrick Payne (Sr., 3)**; 23 Darryl Griffin (Fr., 0)
KS 90 Robbie Chura (Sr., 2)

DEFENSE

SLB **31 Shelton Quarles (Jr., 2)**; 85 Bryon Koepke (Fr., 0)
LE 92 Derick Bossier (Jr., 2); 53 David Tandy (Fr., 0)
NG 51 Mike Gandolfo (Sr., 3); 98 Mike Jones (Fr., 0)
RE **52 John DeWitt (Jr., 2)**; 62 Bill Sullivan (So., 1)
WLB **41 Gary Rogers (Sr., 3)**; **39 Rico Francis (Jr., 2)**
ELB **40 Gerald Collins (Jr., 2)**; 37 Brad Brown (Jr., 0)
MLB 96 Ricky Melton (So., 1); 44 Steve Breazeale (So., 1)
LCB **9 Robbie Young (Sr., 3)**; 32 Derrick Atterberry (Fr., 0)
SS **27 Aaron Smith (Jr., 2)**; 15 Nizam Walter (So., 1)
FS 8 Jeff Brothers (Jr., 2); 21 Chris Ryals (Fr., 0)
RCB **11 Robert Davis (Jr., 2)**; 28 Tor Dixon (Fr., 0)
P **89 David Lawrence (Sr., 3)**

BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Marcus Wilson, 32-63-491-6, 3 TDs
Rushing: Marcus Wilson, 136 att., 496 yds., 11 TDs
Receiving: Clarence Sevillian, 16 rec., 382 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: Marcus Wilson, 11 TDs, 1 XP, 68 points
Punting: David Lawrence, 54 punts, 42.7 avg.
Kicking: None
Tackles: Gerald Collins, 79, 43 solo
Sacks: Alan Young, 4.5
Interceptions: Robert Davis, 4 for 103 yards

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***at Alabama***
Sept. 12	***Duke***
Sept. 19	***Ole Miss***
Oct. 3	***at Auburn***
Oct. 10	***Wake Forest***
Oct. 17	***at Georgia***
Oct. 24	***South Carolina***
Nov. 7	***at Kentucky***
Nov. 14	***at Navy***
Nov. 21	***Florida***
Nov. 28	***Tennessee***

Information provided by Lew Harris, Sports Information Director.

1992 SIGNEES

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Boykin, Brian DL 6-4 255 Birmingham, AL
Honorable mention all-state; All-Metro Birmingham.

Bulicz, Keith OL 6-4 250 Lanoka Harbor, NJ
First-team all-state; a *USA TODAY* High School All-American honorable mention; bench presses 320 lbs. and squats 650.

Champagne, Trey DL 6-7 265 Covington, LA
First-team all-state; rated the No. 10 prospect in Louisiana by *SuperPrep*; last season had 102 tackles and eight sacks.

Couch, Robert OL 6-6 265 Irving, TX
All-district; second-team All-Dallas.

Crusan, Trey OL 6-5 265 Cincinnati, OH
Ranked as the 26th best OL in the nation by Tom Lemming; named to *SuperPrep*'s All-Midwest team.

Culpepper, Brandon LB 6-0 200 Athens, GA
Ranked as one of the top 30 prospects in Georgia by *SuperPrep*; totaled 153 tackles last year along with 12 sacks.

Deese, Cliff TB 5-8 178 Houston, TX
All-district; carried the ball 77 times for 947 yds., averaging 11.5 yds. per carry as a senior; has top time of 10.6 in the 100-meters.

DeGraffenreid, Allen DL 6-5 245 Dunwoody, GA
Ranked the No. 29 prospect in Georgia by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*; runs the 40 in 4.8.

DeGraffenreid, Byran DL 6-5 245 Dunwoody, GA
Ranked the No. 30 prospect in Georgia by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*; selected to play in the Georgia High School All-Star Game.

Douglas, Cedric QB 6-1 170 Dallas, TX
All-district; completed 108 of 252 passes for 1,592 yds. and 17 TDs his senior year.

Gordon, Ronnie QB 6-1 175 Albany, GA
Second-team all-region in Class AAA; completed 54 of 127 passes for 819 yds. and two TDs in '91; also rushed for 451 yds. and four TDs.

Johnson, Jermaine TB 5-8 180 Carrollton, GA
All-state; rushed for 1,400 yds. last season; clocked at 4.4 in the 40; bench presses 340 lbs. and squats 640.

Lewis, Durego FB 5-11 220 Knoxville, TN
All-Knoxville Football League; three year starter at both NG and FB.

Love, Royce FB 6-2 238 East Chicago, IN
SuperPrep's All-Midwest team; rated the No. 2 FB prospect in the nation; rushed for just under 700 yds. on 94 carries last season.

Manley, James DL 6-4 282 Birmingham, AL
First-team all-state; first-team All-Metro; No. 5 college prospect in Alabama by the *Birmingham News*; made 90 tackles and racked up five sacks as a senior.

Marinangel, Bill TB-WB 6-2 202 McHenry, IL
First-team all-state by the *Chicago Sun-Times*; named to the *Chicago Sun-Times* Elite 25; rushed for 1,552 yds. and scored 23 TDs as a senior.

Neil, Owen OL 6-5 255 Louisville, KY
First-team all-state; honorable mention *USA TODAY* High School All-American; rated the No. 1 college prospect in Kentucky by *SuperPrep*.

Painter, Chad OL 6-4 290 Knoxville, TN
First-team all-state; bench presses 400 lbs.

Pitre, Donald WR 6-1 180 Opelousas, LA
Second-team all-state; led the state of Louisiana in receiving for Class AAAA with 871 yds. and 20.2 yds. per catch.

Rhoades, Brent OL 6-4 290 Alpharetta, GA
First-team All-American by *Blue Chip*; Class AAAA All-State; bench presses 405 lbs.; runs 5.0 in the 40.

Schuckman, Matt DL 6-4 235 Newton, KS
Class AAAAA All-State; made 65 tackles senior year, including seven sacks.

Simon, Kenny QB 5-11 180 Biloxi, MS
Played QB, TB and WB as a senior; rushed for 484 yds.; has been clocked at 4.45 in the 40.

Stefan, Brock OL 6-4 275 Tarpon Spgs., FL
Honorable mention all-state; first-team All-Sun Coast Area.

Storer, Tim DL 6-3 275 Bartlesville, OK
First-team all-state; led the team in tackles with 121.

ARKANSAS STATE ROSTER

Head Coach: Ray Perkins

1991 Record: 1–10–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
29	Alexander, Rodney	FS	5–11	180	Sr.	Leland, MS
74	Allen, Brian	DE	6–3	240	Jr.	Dermott, AR
85	Armstrong, Mike	K	6–1	155	So.	Riverside, CA
60	Baker, Scott	DE	5–11	215	So.	Muskogee, OK
	Baxter, Keith	NG	5–9	235	Fr.	Corning, AR
34	Beason, Michael	LB	5–11	220	Jr.	Collierville, TN
	Bonds, Andre	CB	5–8	160	Jr.	Lawrence, KS
64	Bowman, Anthony	OG	6–2	300	Fr.	Shreveport, LA
7	Boxdorfer, Matt	FS	5–11	170	Fr.	Perryville, MO
	Broady, Bryant	FB	5–11	240	Sr.	Long Island City, NY
13	Brown, Scott	QB	5–11	195	Jr.	Sherwood, AR
39	Buckley, Cedric	LB	6–0	200	Sr.	Dallas, TX
86	Bullard, Kendricke	SE	6–1	170	Jr.	Pine Bluff, AR
37	Carpenter, Dale	LB	6–0	205	So.	Memphis, TN
79	Clark, Casey	OG	6–2	265	Fr.	No. Little Rock, AR
	Clay, Clinton	DB	5–9	180	Sr.	Kansas City, MO
76	Coleman, Andre	NG	6–2	250	Sr.	Lake Village, AR
8	Collier, Roy	CB	5–10	175	Sr.	Dallas, TX
	Cope, Wayne	OG	6–2	280	Jr.	Salina, KS
52	Courtney, Mark	OT	6–2	250	So.	Little Rock, AR
94	Cowan, Greg	DT	6–0	295	Jr.	Decatur, AL
	Crockett, Stacy	HB	5–9	175	Jr.	Dallas, TX
21	Davis, Brad	HB	5–10	175	So.	Dallas, TX
18	Denison, Blake	FL	5–7	160	Jr.	Fordyce, AR
27	Dickson, DeSoto	FB	5–9	190	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
12	Dockery, Cord	P	6–5	200	Jr.	Arnold, MO
16	Dollarhide, Jack	TE	6–3	220	Jr.	No. Little Rock, AR
87	Emmons, Carlos	LB	6–4	215	Fr.	Greenwood, MS
35	Evans, Keith	SS	6–1	185	So.	Meridian, MS
11	Fitch, Curtis	CB	5–11	175	So.	Town Creek, AL
49	Freeman, Tarsh	LB	6–2	200	Fr.	Tuscaloosa, AL
81	Frisella, Scott	K	5–10	185	So.	Arnold, MO
	Gardner, Deotis	OT	6–3	245	Fr.	Pine Bluff, AR
54	Garner, John	C	6–1	255	Jr.	Cabot, AR
99	Gibson, Mark	DE	6–4	230	Sr.	Dumas, AR
32	Grant, Larry	HB	5–10	175	So.	Deer Park, NY
88	Griffin, Jimbo	TE	6–3	240	Sr.	Jacksonville, AR
	Haigler, Marshall	OG	6–3	295	Jr.	Charlotte, NC
66	Harrell, Stacy	OG	6–1	280	So.	Dumas, AR
17	Harris, Maurice	FL	6–0	200	So.	Memphis, TN
19	Henry, Savastin	HB	6–1	190	Fr.	Greenwood, MS
	Holland, Chris	C	5–10	240	Fr.	Walls, MS
70	Hunt, Lee	OG	6–2	260	Sr.	No. Little Rock, AR
75	Hunt, Marc	C	6–2	265	So.	Sheffield, AL
65	Ingram, Kenny	DE	6–3	255	Sr.	Memphis, TN
	Jackson, Bryan	DB	5–11	155	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
50	Jackson, Reggie	DE	6–0	235	Fr.	Mesquite, TX
78	James, Roy	OT	6–5	275	Fr.	Lonsdale, AR
	Jefferson, Marcel	SS	5–8	180	Jr.	Marianna, AR
73	Jordan, Chester	DT	6–6	295	Sr.	Copperas Cove, TX
5	Jose, Ryan	K	5–10	175	Sr.	Bartlett, TN
55	Lawson, Marcus	LB	5–11	235	Jr.	Hermitage, AR
84	Lee, Nadair	DE	6–0	250	Fr.	Newport, AR
25	Luellen, Brandon	FB	5–9	195	Jr.	Olive Branch, MS
42	Mabone, Troy	FB	5–11	220	Sr.	Memphis, TN
3	Madden, Jerome	FL	5–11	200	Sr.	Lepanto, AR
	McBride, Clark	LB	6–2	205	Fr.	Forrest City, AR
97	McDonald, Mike	NG	6–2	260	Jr.	Austin, TX
82	McWhirter, Chad	SE	6–0	185	Jr.	Hoover, AL
	Miller, Aubrey	LB	6–0	210	Sr.	Memphis, TN
69	Miller, Jessie	OG	6–1	260	Fr.	Pine Bluff, AR
42	Nicholson, Tony	SE	6–2	195	So.	Memphis, TN
95	Parker, Lorenzo	DT	6–0	290	So.	West Memphis, AR
	Parkman, Jeff	OT	6–1	280	Jr.	Jackson, MS
63	Patterson, Steve	TE	6–4	205	So.	Orange, TX
80	Perkins, Lucas	TE	6–1	225	So.	Clarksdale, MS
72	Petzoldt, Devin	OT	6–3	265	Sr.	Hillsboro, MO
	Richardson, Kyle	P	6–2	180	Fr.	Farmington, MO
20	Richmond, Elshon	SS	6–0	200	Sr.	Pine Bluff, AR
	Robins, Ray	CB	5–8	160	Fr.	West Memphis, AR
89	Robinson, Adrian	DE	6–2	245	Fr.	Newport, AR
83	Ruffin, Rodney	FL	5–9	160	Fr.	Memphis, TN
15	Sears, Tom	QB	6–1	185	Jr.	Marion, AR
41	Seymore, Jerrold	FB	5–7	210	So.	Memphis, TN
1	Sharp, Brian	SE	6–2	180	Fr.	Sacramento, CA
26	Simmons, Kenny	CB	5–11	170	Sr.	Memphis, TN
62	Smith, Richard	OT	6–3	260	Sr.	Murphysboro, IL
59	Swopes, Kenny	DT	6–4	260	Jr.	Helena, AR
67	Tate, Eric	C	6–2	260	Sr.	Pine Bluff, AR
57	Thomas, Romarcus	LB	6–0	235	So.	Memphis, TN
	Thomas, Sean	DB	5–9	160	So.	St. Louis, MO
	Thomas, William	RB	5–10	240	Sr.	Huntington, NY
	Tolbert, Derrick	TE	6–2	245	Jr.	Memphis, TN
	Walker, Eric	OG	6–2	280	Sr.	Memphis, TN
14	Washington, Leonard	CB	5–10	170	Fr.	Shreveport, LA
	Watson, Eric	C	5–9	215	Jr.	Bartlett, TN
96	Williams, Marcus	DE	6–3	235	Fr.	Dallas, TX
4	Williams, Varko	SS	6–2	190	So.	Bolivar, TN
56	Wilson, Chris	LB	6–2	210	Fr.	DeSoto, TX
24	Wilson, Freddy	SS	5–10	200	Jr.	Helena, AR

1992 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Andrew, Brian	QB	6–2	190	Baton Rouge, LA
Austin, Derrick	WR	6–1	185	Tupelo, MS
Beavers, Linton	TE-DE	6–2	205	Prattville, AL
Bell, Sammy	QB-FS	6–1	180	Memphis, TN
Cowan, Marcellous	WR	6–1	175	Memphis, TN
Covington, Johnny	QB	6–0	185	Austin, TX
Dean, Dwight	DL	6–3	250	Tupelo, MS
Frazier, Jerome	OL	6–3	265	Pine Bluff, AR
Freeman, Alonzo	RB	6–0	185	Tupelo, MS
Grant, Corey	DT	6–3	285	Pine Bluff, AR
Head, DuRan	DB	5–10	180	Memphis, TN
Holmes, Steve	DB	5–11	180	Little Rock, AR
Jackson, Gary	LB	6–3	220	Altheimer, AR
Kammer, Kevin	QB-DB	6–2	185	Memphis, TN
Kinard, Brandon	QB	6–2	180	Hamilton, AL
Linsy, Eric	LB	6–1	225	Little Rock, AR
Nester, Chris	RB	6–1	210	Guntersville, AL
Staples, Joey	K	5–11	165	Piggott, AR
Suggs, Torrance	LB	6–2	205	West Memphis, AR
Tinsley, Austin	RB	5–10	190	Poplar Bluff, MO
Walker, Corey	RB	5–11	180	Memphis, TN
Watkins, Clark	QB-DB	5–11	175	Fordyce, AR
Williams, Jules	DB-WR	6–2	200	Clarksdale, MS

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE **86 Kendricke Bullard (Jr., 2)**; 21 Brad Davis (So., 1)
LT **62 Richard Smith (Sr., 3)**; 64 Anthony Bowman (Fr., 0)
LG **70 Lee Hunt (Sr., 2)**; 69 Jessie Miller (Fr., 0)
C **67 Eric Tate (Sr., 3)**; 54 John Garner (Jr., 1)
RG 75 Marc Hunt (So., 1); Wayne Cope (Jr., 0)
RT 72 Devin Petzoldt (Sr., 2); 78 Roy James (Fr., 0)
TE 88 Jimbo Griffin (Sr., 3); Derrick Tolbert (Jr., 1)
FL **18 Blake Denison (Jr., 2)**; 3 Jerome Madden (Sr., 3)
QB 15 Tom Sears (Jr., 0); 16 Jack Dollarhide (Jr., 2)
HB **Stacy Crockett (Jr., 1)**; 19 Savastin Henry (Fr., 0)
FB 41 Jerrold Seymore (So., 1); 42 Troy Mabone (Sr., 2)
K **5 Ryan Jose (Sr., 3)**

DEFENSE

DE 76 Andre Coleman (Sr., 2); 96 Marcus Williams (Fr., 0)
NG 59 Kenny Swopes (Jr., 0); **95 Lorenzo Parker (So., 1)**
DT 97 Mike McDonald (Jr., 1); Deotis Gardner (Fr., 0)
DE **65 Kenny Ingram (Sr., 3)**; 99 Mark Gibson (Sr., 1)
WLB 39 Cedric Buckley (Sr., 1); 37 Dale Carpenter (So., 1)
MLB Aubrey Miller (Sr., 2); **34 Michael Beason (Jr., 2)**
SLB **55 Marcus Lawson (Jr., 2)**; 49 Tarsh Freeman (Fr., 0)
RCB **8 Roy Collier (Sr., 1)**; 26 Kenny Simmons (Sr., 2)
FS 29 Rodney Alexander (Sr., 1); Andre Bonds (Jr., 0)
SS 4 Varko Williams (So., 1); Freddy Wilson (Jr., 0)
LCB 11 Curtis Fitch (So., 1); Bryan Jackson (Sr., 0)
P **12 Cord Dockery (Jr., 2)**

BOLD indicates returning starters
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TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Scott Brown, 6-13-66-2, 0 TDs
Rushing: Jerrold Seymore, 111 att., 405 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving: Kendricke Bullard, 29 rec., 507 yds., 2 TDs
Scoring: Ryan Jose, 4 FGs, 21 XP, 33 points
Punting: Cord Dockery, 29 punts, 37.4 avg.
Kicking: Ryan Jose, 4–9 FGs, 21–22 XP
Tackles: Cedric Buckley, 114, 70 solo
Sacks: Scott Baker, Kenny Ingram, 2
Interceptions: Dale Carpenter, 1 for 6 yards

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***at Toledo***
Sept. 12	***at Oklahoma***
Sept. 19	***Northern Illinois***
Sept. 26	***Southern Illinois***
Oct. 3	***NW Louisiana***
Oct. 10	***Troy State***
Oct. 17	***at Memphis State***
Oct. 24	***at Mississippi State***
Oct. 31	***at Louisiana Tech***
Nov. 14	***at East Carolina***
Nov. 21	***at SW Louisiana***

Information provided by Jerry Schaeffer, Sports Information Director.

1991 RESULTS (1–10–0)

Aug. 31	at Colorado State	24–38
Sept. 7	NW Louisiana	3–28
Sept. 14	at Northern Illinois	21–22
Sept. 21	at Memphis State	21–31
Sept. 28	Louisiana Tech	10–42
Oct. 5	Central Florida	20–31
Oct. 12	at LSU	14–70
Oct. 19	at Akron	23–28
Oct. 26	SW Missouri State	20–37
Nov. 9	Troy State	20–17
Nov. 16	SW Louisiana	13–17

FLORIDA STATE ROSTER

Head Coach: Bobby Bowden

1991 Record: 11–2–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
23	Abbott, Bryce	ILB	6-0	215	Sr.	Tifton, GA
2	Abraham, Clifton	CB	5-10	185	So.	Dallas, TX
54	Adams, Kevin	ILB	6-1	222	So.	Lake Charles, LA
90	Alexander, Derrick	DE	6-5	255	Fr.	Jacksonville, FL
36	Alexander, Ken	ILB	6-3	240	Jr.	Austin, TX
20	Allen, Clyde	TB	5-11	190	Jr.	Ft. Myers, FL
75	Armella, Enzo	NG	6-0	280	Fr.	Miami, FL
51	Baker, Robbie	C	6-4	260	Sr.	Ft. Myers, FL
1	Baker, Shannon	WR	5-10	180	Sr.	Lakeland, FL
7	Barre, Mike	QB	6-2	205	Sr.	N. Palm Beach, FL
10	Brooks, Derrick	OLB	6-1	210	So.	Pensacola, FL
31	Brown, Lavon	SS	5-11	207	Sr.	Moore Haven, FL
15	Bush, Devin	FS	6-0	190	Fr.	Miami, FL
91	Clark, Deondri	DE	6-3	266	Sr.	Winter Garden, FL
39	Clark, Ed	ILB	6-3	220	Sr.	Melbourne, FL
16	Coes, Richard	FS	6-0	197	Jr.	Miami, FL
79	Conoly, Forrest	OL	6-7	328	Fr.	Berlin, CT
93	Cowart, Chris	OLB	6-3	227	So.	New Orleans, LA
18	Davis, John	FS	6-3	205	Sr.	Pahokee, FL
87	Dely, Aaron	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	Tallahassee, FL
64	Deremer, Jeff	C	6-0	250	Sr.	Port Richey, FL
63	Dillaberry, Jason	OT	6-5	282	Sr.	Orange Park, FL
70	Donaldson, John	OG	6-4	242	So.	Marianna, FL
30	Ellison, Omar	WR	6-2	195	So.	Griffin, GA
5	Felder, Kenny	QB	6-3	215	Jr.	Niceville, FL
86	Ferrell, Marvin	TE	6-6	272	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
68	Flath, John	OT	6-4	256	Sr.	Orlando, FL
44	Floyd, William	FB	6-2	229	So.	St. Petersburg, FL
58	Footman, Dan	DE	6-5	272	Sr.	Tampa, FL
3	Fowler, Leon	FS	6-3	200	Sr.	Ft. Myers, FL
97	Freeman, Reggie	OLB	6-1	237	Sr.	Clewiston, FL
73	Frey, Greg	OL	6-5	275	Fr.	Clearwater, FL
12	Frier, Matt	WR	5-11	189	Jr.	Live Oak, FL
28	Fuller, Corey	CB	6-1	190	Jr.	Tallahassee, FL
	Gaffney, Sheray	FB	6-0	225	Fr.	Riviera Beach, FL
	Gay, Shawn	SS	6-3	215	So.	Hahira, GA
61	Gibbs, Eric	OT	6-4	334	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
6	Gilmer, Steve	FS	5-11	192	So.	Tallahassee, FL
65	Glenn, Billy	DE	6-4	256	So.	Daytona Beach, FL
	Goodwin, Keg	K	6-0	176	Fr.	Tampa, FL
	Grissom, Robert	WR	5-10	180	Fr.	Atlanta, GA
99	Guerrier, Dulack	OLB	6-3	235	So.	Miami, FL
21	Hall, Chris	CB	6-1	194	Sr.	Cocoa Beach, FL
24	Harris, Felix	FB	6-1	210	Sr.	Lake Placid, FL
84	Hart, Warren	TE	6-2	270	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
77	Hernandez, Jesus	OT	6-4	275	Fr.	Miami, FL
41	Henry, Tommy	CB	6-0	179	Sr.	Arcadia, FL
38	Holmes, Scott	P	6-3	200	Fr.	Nashville, TN
35	Jackson, Sean	TB	6-2	220	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
71	James, Corey	DT	5-11	235	Sr.	Immokalee, FL
85	Johnson, Lonnie	TE	6-3	224	Jr.	Miami, FL
55	Jones, Marvin	ILB	6-2	220	Jr.	Miami, FL
37	Keen, Chris	CB	5-10	175	Sr.	Jefferson, GA
13	Knight, Mack	SS	6-1	197	Jr.	Woodbine, GA
81	Knox, Kevin	WR	6-4	193	Jr.	Niceville, FL
	Labedski, Phil	OLB	6-2	225	Fr.	Bradenton, FL
67	Laureano, Juan	OL	6-5	260	Fr.	Orlando, FL
82	Lundstrom, Brad	TE	6-3	223	Sr.	Naples, FL
89	Marion, Tyrant	OLB	6-3	230	Fr.	Pompano Beach, FL
88	McCorvey, Kez	WR	6-1	182	So.	Gautier, MS
14	McCrone, Jeff	QB	6-3	205	Fr.	Orange Park, FL
76	McGill, Eric	OG	6-5	260	Sr.	Walterboro, SC
94	McIntosh, Toddrick	DE	6-3	268	Jr.	Richardson, TX
33	McMillon, Tiger	TB	5-10	180	So.	Kissimmee, FL
69	McNeil, Patrick	OG	6-3	280	So.	Palmetto, FL
9	Mowrey, Dan	K	5-10	182	So.	Tallahassee, FL
57	Nance, John	NG	6-2	266	Jr.	Bartow, FL
56	Palmer, Sterling	OLB	6-7	252	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
	Patterson, Jimm	OLB	6-2	235	Jr.	Pensacola, FL
49	Peirce, Jason	FB	6-3	221	Jr.	Satellite Beach, FL
92	Platto, Matt	TE	6-3	235	Fr.	Crawfordville, FL
	Porter, Frank	SS	6-3	207	Fr.	Stevenson, AL
	Richardson, Andy	OLB	6-0	235	Fr.	Punta Gorda, FL
47	Roberson, James	OLB	6-3	233	So.	Lake Wales, FL
62	Sanders, Troy	DL-OL	6-2	261	Sr.	Elba, AL
8	Sawyer, Corey	CB	5-10	175	So.	Key West, FL
64	Scott, Kendrick	DL	6-0	220	So.	Chiefland, FL
53	Shiver, Clay	C	6-3	255	Fr.	Tifton, GA
95	Simpson, Carl	DE	6-2	275	Sr.	Baxley, GA
43	Smith, Eric	OLB	6-0	210	So.	Live Oak, FL
4	Smith, Marquette	TB	5-8	190	So.	Casselberry, FL
52	Stevenson, Robert	OL	6-3	272	Sr.	Pensacola, FL
21	Sudder, Richard	FB	6-0	200	So.	Palm Beach Gardens, FL
7	Turral, Eric	WR	5-11	180	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL
66	Tyre, Lewis	OL	6-5	250	Fr.	Surrency, GA
17	Ward, Charlie	QB	6-1	190	Jr.	Thomasville, GA
	Wiley, Lorenzo	WR	5-8	165	So.	Tampa, FL
19	Wimberly, John	P	6-2	210	Sr.	Tampa, FL
59	Xanders, Brian	ILB	6-2	220	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL
	Yancey, John	FB	6-0	235	Fr.	Bronx, NY

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE **88 Kez McCorvey (So., 1)**; 81 Kevin Knox (Jr., 2)
ST **52 Robert Stevenson (Sr., 3)**; 68 John Flath (Sr., 2)
SG 66 Lewis Tyre (Fr., 0); 76 Eric McGill (Sr., 2)
C **51 Robbie Baker (Sr., 3)**; 53 Clay Shiver (Fr., 0)
TG **69 Patrick McNeil (So., 1)**; 62 Troy Sanders (Sr., 3)
TT 86 Marvin Ferrell (Jr., 1); 67 Juan Laureano (Fr., 0)
TE **85 Lonnie Johnson (Jr., 2)**; 92 Matt Platto (Fr., 0)
QB 17 Charlie Ward (Jr., 2); 5 Kenny Felder (Jr., 2)
FB 44 William Floyd (So., 1); Zach Crockett (Jr., 0)
TB 35 Sean Jackson (Jr., 2); 33 Tiger McMillon (So., 1)
FL 12 Matt Frier (Jr., 2); 1 Shannon Baker (Sr., 3)
K **9 Dan Mowrey (So., 1)**

DEFENSE

OLB **56 Sterling Palmer (Jr., 2)**; **97 Reggie Freeman (Sr., 3)**
RT **95 Carl Simpson (Sr., 2)**; 90 Derrick Alexander (Fr., 0)
NG 94 Toddrick McIntosh (Jr., 2); 75 Enzo Armella (Fr., 0)
LT 98 Kelly Rush (Jr., 0); 58 Dan Footman (Sr., 1)
OLB 10 Derrick Brooks (So., 1); 93 Chris Cowart (So., 1)
SLB **55 Marvin Jones (Jr., 2)**; 54 Kevin Adams (So., 1)
WLB 36 Ken Alexander (Jr., 2); Alonzo Horner (Jr., 0)
LC 41 Tommy Henry (Sr., 2); 8 Corey Sawyer (So., 1)
SS **18 John Davis (Sr., 3)**; 31 Lavon Brown (Sr., 3)
FS **3 Leon Fowler (Sr., 3)**; 16 Richard Coes (Jr., 2)
RC 2 Clifton Abraham (So., 1); 28 Corey Fuller (Jr., 2)
P 19 John Wimberly (Sr., 2)

BOLD indicates returning starters
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TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Charlie Ward, 5–9–68–0, 0 TDs
Rushing: Sean Jackson, 63 att., 392 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving: Shannon Baker, 30 rec., 451 yds., 4 TDs
Scoring: Dan Mowrey, 6 FGs, 24 XP, 42 points
Punting: None
Kicking: Dan Mowrey, 6–7 FGs, 24–32 XP
Tackles: Marvin Jones, 125, 75 solo
Sacks: Carl Simpson, 11
Interceptions: Leon Fowler, 3 for 17 yards

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***Duke***
Sept. 12	***at Clemson***
Sept. 19	***at North Carolina St.***
Sept. 26	***Wake Forest***
Oct. 3	***at Miami (Fla.)***
Oct. 10	***North Carolina***
Oct. 17	***at Georgia Tech***
Oct. 31	***at Virginia***
Nov. 7	***Maryland***
Nov. 14	***Tulane***
Nov. 28	***Florida***

Information provided by Wayne Hogan, Director of Communications.

1992 SIGNEES

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Battles, Harold B 6-2 185 Jacksonville, FL
SuperPrep All-American; Max Emfinger's National Top 100; Florida Sweet 16.

Black, Eric E 6-5 225 Jacksonville, FL
Bill Buchalter's pre-season Dandy Dozen QB.

Charlton, Kamari E 6-2 220 Melbourne, FL
Second team Class A All-State.

Crockett, Henri LB 6-3 236 Pompano Beach, FL
Parade All-American; *USA TODAY* second team All-American; *Orlando Sentinel* Super Senior.

Crockett, Zach B 6-2 222 Pompano Beach, FL
Junior College All-American at Hinds Co. C.C.; No. 6 JUCO player by *SuperPrep*.

Crowe, Andy L 6-4 250 Tallahassee, FL
Class 2A All-State; All Big-Bend team.

Davis, Terry E 6-3 230 Columbus, GA
First team 3A All-State; No. 7 TE by *SuperPrep* .

Fleming, Larry L 6-3 250 Ft. Walton Beach, FL
First team Class 4A; *Orlando Sentinel*'s Super Seniors Team.

Fordham, Todd L 6-6 245 Tifton, GA
First-team Class 4A All-State; One of the Top 12 OL in Georgia.

Gibson, Mike B 6-0 212 Tallahassee, FL
Lemming All-American; No. 14 prospect in Florida by *SuperPrep*.

Hamlet, Sean B 6-2 185 Hampton, VA
All-state; *SuperPrep* All-American.

Hendricks, Michael E 6-5 230 Baytown, TX
Two-time all-state; No. 27 overall in Texas by *SuperPrep*.

Horner, Alonzo B 6-3 230 Miami, FL
First-team JUCO All-American at NW Miss. JC; No. 16 JUCO in the nation by *SuperPrep*.

Kanell, Dan QB 6-4 205 Ft. Lauderdale, FL
First-team all-state; Gatorade Circle of Champions Florida Player of the Year; *Parade* All-American; *USA TODAY* second team All-American.

Liss, Sean K 6-4 205 St. Petersburg, FL
First-team 4A All-State; *Orlando Sentinel* Super 24.

Long, Marcus L 6-4 285 Daytona Beach, FL
First-team *USA TODAY* All-American; Florida Sweet 16.

Messam, Wayne E 6-4 192 Belle Glades, FL
Class 3A All-State; Max Emfinger No. 10 safety.

Rebol, Todd LB 6-1 210 Punta Gorda, FL
First-team Class 4A All-State; *Orlando Sentinel* Super Seniors.

Roye, Orpheus L 6-5 290 Miami, FL
Lemming All-American; *SuperPrep* No. 33 prospect in the state.

Rush, Kelly L 6-6 256 McKeesport, PA
Signed with FSU last fall; *SuperPrep*'s No. 1 JUCO player in the nation.

Sherman, Travis LB 6-2 223 Valrico, FL
First-team 5A All-State; *Tampa Tribune*'s Defensive Player of the Year.

Spain, Connell L 6-3 275 Melbourne, FL
First-team Class 5A All-State; Lemming All-American; Emfinger's No. 4 NG in the nation.

Vanover, Tamarick E 6-1 185 Tallahassee, FL
USA TODAY All-American; *Parade* All-American.

LOUISIANA TECH ROSTER

Head Coach: Joe Raymond Peace

1991 Record: 8–1–2

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
92	Albert, Cornelius	DE	6–2	214	Jr.	Camden, AR
9	Alfele, Pete	DB	6–1	187	Sr.	West Palm Beach, FL
20	Altic, Daryl	P	5–11	192	Sr.	Pomona, KS
56	Baker, Myron	LB	6–1	228	Sr.	Haughton, LA
31	Barnes, Randolph	RB	5–11	190	Fr.	Port Arthur, TX
36	Battle, Key	LB	6–0	243	Jr.	Paris, TX
32	Benoit, Shane	RB	6–0	211	Sr.	Welsh, LA
6	Bland, Paul	WR	5–10	183	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
69	Block, Chris	OT	6–4	298	So.	Arlington, TX
46	Bolton, Carlos	LB	6–0	220	Jr.	Terrell, TX
18	Boniol, Chris	K	6–0	156	Jr.	Alexandria, LA
59	Boyd, Andy	LB	6–1	200	So.	Garland, TX
3	Boyd, John	DB	5–10	192	Sr.	Kansas City, MO
	Boyer, Mark	QB	5–11	180	Fr.	Breaux Bridge, LA
5	Broudy, Carey	DB	6–2	200	Sr.	Winnfield, LA
	Brown, Issac	DT	5–9	210	Jr.	Bastrop, LA
63	Bull, Brad	OL	6–2	247	So.	Mansfield, LA
72	Byrd, Jerry	OL	6–5	258	Fr.	Shreveport, LA
65	Calvery, Craig	OT	6–4	277	Sr.	Irving, TX
45	Carrigan, Shane	LB	6–2	185	Fr.	Tampa, FL
40	Carter, Wilford	DB	5–11	175	Fr.	Lake Charles, LA
83	Christensen, Wade	TE	6–3	255	Sr.	Richfield, UT
35	Clark, Brody	LB	6–2	200	Fr.	Tyler, TX
	Clark, Russell	DB	5–11	185	Jr.	La Palma, CA
29	Cooper, Jason	RB	6–0	210	So.	Texarkana, TX
	Cormier, Kyle	WR	5–9	165	Fr.	Breaux Bridge, LA
51	Cornelius, Shannon	DE	6–3	255	Sr.	Minden, LA
78	Crawford, Kavin	DT	6–2	269	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
66	Davidson, Greg	DL	6–4	245	Fr.	Kaufman, TX
23	Davis, Jason	RB	6–2	224	Sr.	Bossier City, LA
44	Delozier, Brent	DB	5–11	178	So.	Garland, TX
	Donlon, Andy	WR	5–9	160	Fr.	Carrollton, TX
97	Dunn, Norman	LB	6–3	238	Sr.	Little Rock, AR
	Eikeseth, Brian	TE	6–1	205	So.	Homer, LA
33	Evans, Doug	SS	6–1	185	Sr.	Haynesville, LA
14	Ferguson, Aaron	QB	6–3	188	Jr.	Enid, OK
7	Francis, Brian	WR	6–1	184	Jr.	Port Arthur, TX
68	Gatchell, Sean	OL	6–3	240	Fr.	Bedford, TX
91	Golden, Russ	LB	6–0	197	Sr.	Jonesboro, LA
52	Goodyear, Nathan	C	6–1	265	Jr.	Enid, OK
16	Gray, Chris	CB	5–11	155	So.	Dallas, TX
13	Hamby, Ray	SS	6–2	200	Sr.	West Monroe, LA
	Harris, Thedrick	DT	6–0	255	So.	Minden, LA
81	Henry, John	WR	5–9	160	Sr.	Wisner, LA
70	Holman, Jerry	OL	6–2	265	Jr.	Springhill, LA
4	Hughes, Sam	QB	6–4	230	Sr.	Lake Worth, FL
	Johnson, Derek	TE	6–3	220	So.	Carrollton, TX
98	Jones, Dameian	DL	6–0	250	Jr.	Ruston, LA
57	Keller, Ferris	LB	6–2	235	Fr.	Zachary, LA
2	Kennedy, Jerald	WB	5–9	175	Sr.	Ruston, LA
47	Kingrea, Rocky	WB	5–11	186	Jr.	Monroe, LA
15	Lamb, Todd	WR	5–11	170	So.	Enid, OK
77	Lancaster, Greg	OL	6–5	252	So.	Shreveport, LA
1	Leary, Donnovan	DB	6–0	183	Sr.	Bunkie, LA
30	Lenox, Dino	DB	6–0	198	So.	Hot Springs, AR
82	Loftin, Jeff	WR	6–0	174	Sr.	Shreveport, LA
86	Miller, Mark	WR	6–0	177	Jr.	Bartlesville, OK
	Nader, Breaux	QB	6–0	170	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA
21	Parham, Corey	WR	5–10	175	Sr.	Dallas, TX
60	Parker, David	OG	6–6	285	Sr.	Waterproof, LA
	Parks, Cliff	WR	5–11	175	Jr.	Compton, CA
	Phillips, Shannon	WR	5–8	170	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
53	Piete, Herman	LB	6–0	223	Sr.	Monroe, LA
	Price, Byron	DE	6–1	240	So.	Port Arthur, TX
50	Price, Fred	LB	6–3	197	So.	Monroe, LA
58	Reed, Lance	LB	6–0	210	Fr.	Natchez, MS
71	Roaf, Willie	OT	6–5	290	Sr.	Pine Bluff, AR
99	Roberts, Steve	DE	6–4	250	So.	Hallsville, TX
79	Rogers, John	OL	6–5	260	Fr.	Little Rock, AR
75	Rollins, Baron	DL	6–4	335	Sr.	Winnsboro, LA
	Russell, Kevin	DB	6–2	200	So.	Delhi, LA
	Ruth, Damien	RB	5–9	205	Jr.	Angleton, TX
96	Smith, Artie	DL	6–5	286	Sr.	Stillwater, OK
27	Smith, Randall	RB	6–1	200	Jr.	Ruston, LA
26	Spangler, John	WR	6–0	190	So.	Winnfield, LA
28	Sumrall, Todd	RB	5–11	200	Fr.	Ruston, LA
	Sweeney, John	OL	6–5	260	Jr.	Ft. Worth, TX
48	Thomas, Jerome	TE	6–3	225	So.	Jones, LA
10	Vallery, Chris	QB	5–11	189	So.	Monroe, LA
	Walter, Tim	WR	6–1	190	Jr.	Dallas,TX
38	Washington, Mike	RB	5–10	200	So.	Hot Springs, AR
41	Washington, Preston	TE	6–4	200	Fr.	New Orleans, LA
55	Whelchel, Joseph	OL	6–5	247	Sr.	Pattonville, TX
76	Whelchel, Lloyd	OG	6–4	271	Sr.	Pattonville, TX
88	White, Gylian	WR	5–10	167	So.	Shreveport, LA
	Williams, Chris	QB	6–2	190	Fr.	Bastrop, LA
	Willis, Danny	DB	6–0	175	Jr.	St. Amant, LA
84	Wilson, Steve	DE	6–3	222	Sr.	Little Rock, AR
80	Zeno, Kimmy	TE	6–5	235	Jr.	Lafayette, LA

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE **21 Corey Parham (Sr., 3)**; 7 Brian Francis (Jr., 2)
LT **71 Willie Roaf (Sr., 3)**; 77 Greg Lancaster (So., 1)
LG **76 Lloyd Whelchel (Sr., 3)**; 69 Chris Block (So., 1)
C **52 Nate Goodyear (Jr., 2)**; 63 Brad Bull (So., 0)
RG 75 Baron Rollins (Sr., 2); 76 Joseph Whelchel (Sr., 2)
RT 60 David Parker (Sr., 3); 72 Jerry Byrd (Fr., 0)
TE **83 Wade Christensen (Sr., 1)**; 48 Jerome Thomas (So., 1)
QB 4 Sam Hughes (Sr., 1); 14 Aaron Ferguson (Jr., 0)
RB **23 Jason Davis (Sr., 3)**; 29 Jason Cooper (So., 1)
WB **2 Jerald Kennedy (Sr., 3)**; 47 Rocky Kingrea (Jr., 2)
FL **6 Paul Bland (Sr., 1)**; Cliff Parks (Jr., 2)
PK **18 Chris Boniol (Jr., 2)**

DEFENSE

DE **84 Steve Wilson (Sr., 3)**; 46 Carlos Bolton (Jr., 2)
DT **96 Artie Smith (Sr., 2)**; Thedrick Harris (So., 0)
DT **78 Kavin Crawford (Jr., 2)**; 98 Dameian Jones (Jr., 1)
DE 51 Shannon Cornelius (Sr., 1); 99 Steve Roberts (So., 1)
LB **56 Myron Baker (Sr., 3)**; 59 Andy Boyd (So., 1)
LB 53 Herman Piete (Sr., 3); 36 Key Battle (Jr., 2)
LB 97 Norman Dunn (Sr., 2); 50 Fred Price (So., 1)
CB 3 John Boyd (Sr., 1); 40 Wilford Carter (Fr., 0)
CB 16 Chris Gray (So., 1); Russell Clark (Jr., 0)
FS **5 Carey Broudy (Sr., 2)**; 1 Donnovan Leary (Sr., 1)
ROV **33 Doug Evans (Sr., 3)**; 13 Ray Hamby (Sr., 1)
P **20 Daryl Altic (Sr., 1)**

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TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Sam Hughes, 50–76–630–3, 3 TDs
Rushing: Jason Davis, 244 att., 1351 yds., 14 TDs
Receiving: Paul Bland, 29 rec., 366 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: Jason Davis, 14 TDs, 84 points
Punting: Daryl Altic, 41 punts, 38.7 avg.
Kicking: Chris Bonoil, 6–17 FGs, 36–37 XP
Tackles: Myron Baker, 111, 64 solo
Sacks: Steve Wilson, 4.5
Interceptions: Donnovan Leary, 2 for 28 yards

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***at Baylor***
Sept. 12	***Eastern Michigan***
Sept. 19	***at Southern Miss***
Sept. 26	***at Alabama***
Oct. 3	***at Fresno State***
Oct. 10	***SW Louisiana***
Oct. 17	***East Tenn. St.***
Oct. 31	***Arkansas State***
Nov. 7	***at South Carolina***
Nov. 14	***at Ole Miss***
Nov. 21	***at West Virginia***

Information provided by Keith Prince, Sports Information Director.

1992 SIGNEES

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**

Arter, Darrick **DB** **6–0** **180** **Ft. Smith, AR**
Sparked his high school to the 1991 AAAA state championship.

Bruce, Rodney **DB** **6–0** **190** **Costa Mesa, CA**
Played the past two seasons at Orange Coast C.C.

Clark, Russell **DB** **5–11** **185** **La Palma, CA**
All-state; all-conference at Cerritos JC.

Daniel, Titus **LB** **6–2** **210** **Shreveport, LA**
All-state and all-district.

Davis, Al **LB** **6–3** **200** **Atlanta, TX**
All-district DE and TE.

Davis, Gino **RB** **6–0** **190** **Atlanta, TX**
Rushed for 1,000 yds. and scored 12 TDs in '91.

Figaro, Francis **WR** **5–11** **175** **Lafayette, LA**
Totaled 40 rec. for 701 yds. in '91.

Fowles, Demetrius **DL** **6–4** **260** **Miami, FL**
Second-team all-conference at Trinity Valley, C.C.

Heard, Spencer **WR** **5–9** **170** **Mansfield, LA**
All-state; as a senior snagged 54 rec. for 856 yds. and 15 TDs.

Holmes, Mark **DL** **6–3** **260** **Avondale, LA**
Played for the Knights of St. Augustine HS.

Jackson, Kevin **WR** **5–10** **170** **Jonesboro, LA**
All-state and all-district.

Joe, Brandon **OL** **6–6** **255** **Lafayette, LA**
All-state; first-team all-district.

Leger, Tim **QB** **6–2** **190** **Lafayette, LA**
Two-sport standout helping lead football and baseball teams to state playoffs.

Mackey, Chad **WR** **6–2** **190** **Longview, TX**
Caught 73 passes for 1,134 yds. and 12 TDs as a junior and 46 for 750 yds. and 10 scores his senior season.

Mahoney, Roderick **DB** **5–11** **185** **Shreveport, LA**
Played four sports at Huntington HS.

Martin, Jason **QB** **6–3** **195** **Oak Grove, LA**
Highly touted QB prospect who led Tigers to two state championships.

McCray, Jerry Jr. **LB** **6–1** **195** **Conway, AR**
All-state.

Moore, Derrick **DL** **6–3** **230** **Ferriday, LA**
All-state and all-district selection as a DE.

Parks, Clifford **WR** **5–11** **175** **Compton, CA**
Snagged 38 rec. for 686 yds. this past season at Cerritos JC.

Thornton, Howard **DL** **6–2** **255** **Baton Rouge, LA**
Louisiana all-star team and All-District 1-AAAAA.

Toia, Moli **OL** **6–2** **280** **Garden Grove, CA**
A standout OL at Orange C.C.

Watson, Daniel **OL** **6–5** **290** **Arlington, TX**
First-team all-city; *Fort Worth Star Telegram* Area Top 100.

LOUISVILLE ROSTER

Head Coach: Howard Schnellenberger

1991 Record: 2–9–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
37	Asher, Jamie	FB	6-3	195	So.	Indianapolis, IN
63	Atkins, Xzavia	OL	6-4	275	Sr.	Inglewood, CA
12	Austin, Jay	QB	6-2	204	So.	St. Petersburg, FL
66	Axline, Matt	OL	6-5	260	Sr.	Shelbyville, KY
	Bailey, Aaron	RB	5-11	183	Jr.	Ann Arbor, MI
82	Barney, Zoe	TE	6-4	205	Jr.	Dublin, OH
58	Bean, Karlos	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	Jacksonville, FL
50	Bell, Anwar	LB	6-1	217	So.	Houston, TX
70	Blumeier, Kevin	OT	6-3	268	Sr.	Louisville, KY
3	Boykin, Deral	DB	5-11	195	Sr.	Kent, OH
21	Bridges, Anthony	DB	5-9	165	Fr.	Moultrie, GA
48	Brohm, Greg	SE	6-0	161	Sr.	Louisville, KY
11	Brohm, Jeff	QB	6-1	200	Jr.	Louisville, KY
81	Brookfield, Brandon	K	6-0	185	So.	Littleton, CO
85	Brown, Kendall	DE	6-3	230	So.	Detroit, MI
34	Buchanan, Ray	FS	5-9	190	Sr.	Maywood, IL
15	Butler, Liggett	LB	5-9	178	Sr.	Polk City, FL
6	Bynoe, Rawle	FS	5-11	174	Sr.	Mississauga, ON
59	Campos, Alan	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	Miami, FL
76	Carroll, Tom	C	6-2	241	Jr.	Columbus, OH
41	Cavallo, Tom	LB	6-3	220	Jr.	St. Charles, IL
51	Clarke, Jerry	LB	6-3	230	So.	St. Louis, MO
5	Cook, Kevin	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	Columbus, OH
62	Culley, Andy	LB	6-3	223	Sr.	Geneva, IL
22	Dawkins, Ralph	HB	5-9	205	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
61	Debold, Dave	OG	6-2	265	Jr.	Marthasville, MO
53	Dueberry, Vincent	LB	6-0	215	Jr.	Union City, CA
33	Edelen, Tony	RB	5-10	160	So.	Louisville, KY
45	Fanning, Jay	DE	6-4	220	Fr.	Grant Park, IL
	Ferguson, Reggie	LB	5-10	180	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
23	Fitzpatrick, Chris	FB	5-10	203	So.	St. Petersburg, FL
18	Gaines, Kevin	QC	6-0	185	Jr.	Euclid, OH
32	Givens, Kelvin	DB	6-1	180	So.	Stanford, KY
88	Gonzalez, Jose	TE	6-4	209	Sr.	St. Anne, IL
43	Hampton, Chris	LB	6-2	220	So.	Louisville, KY
95	Hanna, Jim	DT	6-4	240	Jr.	W. Palm Beach, FL
2	Harnden, Ken	K	5-9	160	Fr.	Sarasota, FL
71	Henchy, Stephen	OL	6-6	267	So.	N. Miami Beach, FL
49	Henderson, Ivey	LB	6-2	218	Jr.	Port St. Joe, FL
44	Henry, Herb	RB	6-1	205	So.	Louisville, KY
35	Hill, Marcus	LB	6-0	224	So.	Sheffield, AL
80	Jackson, Mike	DT	6-5	235	So.	Cincinnati, OH
27	Jackson, Shawn	WR	6-1	170	So.	Houston, TX
94	Johnson, Joe	DT	6-3	250	So.	St. Louis, MO
99	Jones, Alton	DE	6-5	220	Fr.	Moultrie, GA
10	Knuutila, Robert	SC	5-11	181	Jr.	Merritt Island, FL
83	Lillard, Derrick	DT	6-4	250	Fr.	Chicago, IL
60	Lobitz, James	OT	6-4	249	Sr.	Des Plaines, IL
89	Lookebill, Earl	TE	6-4	220	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
7	Lowe, Marty	QB	6-2	193	Fr.	Chattanooga, TN
65	Magennis, Patrick	LB	6-3	228	Fr.	Lake Worth, FL
54	Manash, Mike	OT	6-3	225	Fr.	Miami, FL
25	McKinney, Vertis	WR	5-10	175	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
9	Minnis, Greg	DB	6-1	191	Jr.	Miami, FL
26	Neely, Mike	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	Floyds Knobs, IN
96	Oben, Roman	OT	6-4	220	Fr.	Washington, DC
74	Patrick, Garin	OG	6-2	238	Jr.	Canton, OH
67	Perrotti, Frank	RT	6-6	273	Jr.	Walton Hills, OH
19	Quick, Rhonyia	SC	5-11	194	Jr.	Knoxville, TN
40	Quinn, Terry	FB	6-0	190	So.	Port St. Joe, FL
97	Ray, Leonard	DT	6-3	265	Jr.	Port St. Joe, FL
79	Rodriguez, Shawn	OT	6-5	242	Sr.	Tampa, FL
93	Roscoe, Terrance	DT	6-2	240	So.	Euclid, OH
29	Shelman, Anthony	RB	6-3	200	So.	Bradenton, FL
52	Smith, Brevin	DE	6-2	232	Sr.	Orlando, FL
77	Stinson, Jason	OT	6-4	235	Fr.	Louisville, KY
36	Sumpter, Ben	LB	6-1	208	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
24	Thomas, Troy	RB	6-0	210	Jr.	Riverside, CA
14	Thompson, Scott	QB	6-3	228	Fr.	Tuscumbia, AL
28	Utley, Shedrick	WR	6-2	196	Fr.	Houston, TX
75	Williams, Jermaine	OL	6-4	270	So.	Lynwood, CA
86	Young, Chris	K	5-7	163	Jr.	Killen, AL

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

FL **5 Kevin Cook (Jr.,1)**; 25 Vertis McKinney (Fr., 0)
LT **70 Kevin Blumeier (Sr., 2)**; 75 Jermaine Williams (So., 0)
LG 63 Xzavia Atkins (Sr., 0); 66 Matt Axline (Sr., 1)
C 74 Garin Patrick (Jr., 1); 76 Tom Carroll (Jr., 1)
RG **61 Dave Debold (Jr., 2)**; 67 Frank Perrotti (Jr., 1)
RT 79 Shawn Rodriguez (Sr., 0); 96 Roman Oben (Fr., 0)
TE 88 Jose Gonzalez (Sr., 2); 82 Zoe Barney (Jr., 1)
SE **48 Greg Brohm (Sr., 3)**; 27 Shawn Jackson (So., 1)
QB 11 Jeff Brohm (Jr., 0); 7 Marty Lowe (So., 1)
HB **22 Ralph Dawkins (Jr., 2)**; 29 Anthony Shelman (So., 0)
FB 23 Chris Fitzpatrick (So., 1); 37 Jamie Asher (So., 1)
K 2 Ken Harnden (Fr., 0)

DEFENSE

LE 52 Brevin Smith (Sr., 2); 85 Kendall Brown (So., 1)
LB 41 Tom Cavallo (Jr., 2); 53 Vincent Dueberry (Jr., 0)
LT 83 Derrick Lillard (Fr., 0); 80 Mike Jackson (So., 0)
MLB 58 Karlos Bean (Fr., 0); 50 Anwar Bell (So., 1)
RT 95 Jim Hanna (Jr., 2); 93 Terrance Roscoe (So., 1)
LB **36 Ben Sumpter (Jr., 2)**; 15 Liggett Butler (Sr., 1)
RE 94 Joe Johnson (So., 1); 99 Alton Jones (Fr., 0)
SC 10 Robert Knuutila (Jr., 2); 21 Anthony Bridges (Fr., 0)
R 6 Rawle Bynoe (Sr., 3); 9 Greg Minnis (Jr., 1)
FS **34 Ray Buchanan (Sr., 3)**; 32 Kelvin Givens (So., 0)
QC 18 Kevin Gaines (Jr., 2); 3 Deral Boykin (Sr., 1)
P 81 Brandon Brookfield (So., 1)

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TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Jeff Brohm, 24–47–217–2, 3 TDs
Rushing: Ralph Dawkins, 154 att., 622 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving: Jose Gonzalez, 25 rec., 348 yds., 1 TD
Scoring: Ralph Dawkins, 4 TDs, 24 points
Punting: Brandon Brookfield, 22 punts, 42.2 avg.
Kicking: None
Tackles: Andy Culley, 121, 82 solo
Sacks: Joe Johnson, 2
Interceptions: Ray Buchanan, 8 for 89 yards

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***at Ohio State***
Sept. 12	***Memphis State***
Sept. 19	***at Arizona State***
Sept. 26	***Wyoming***
Oct. 3	***Syracuse***
Oct. 10	***Virginia Tech***
Oct. 17	***Tulsa***
Oct. 24	***at Florida***
Oct. 31	***at Cincinnati***
Nov. 7	***at Texas A&M***
Nov. 14	***at Pittsburgh***

Information provided by Kenny Klein, Sports Information Director.

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Arrington, Calvin WR-DB 5-11 180 Bowie, MD
Had 17 rec. for 317 yds. and two TDs along with four interceptions as a senior.

Atkins, Xzavia OL 6-4 275 Inglewood, CA
Transferred from Long Beach St.; has one yr. of eligibility remaining; bench presses 425 pounds and squats 650.

Bailey, Aaron RB 5-11 183 Ann Arbor, MI
Rushed for 1,050 yds. in eight games at College of DuPage JC; named to Top 22 *Detroit News* Dream Team as a high school senior.

Bethel, Tony DB 6-0 165 Louisville, KY
Third-team *Courier-Journal* all-state DB; totaled six interceptions in 1991 season.

Clark, Rico DB 5-10 170 Decatur, GA
Voted the Most Valuable defensive back as a senior.

Cooper, Kwalee WR 5-10 160 Florence, AL
Honorable mention all-state selection; had 221 rushes for 1,550 yds. and 15 TDs as a senior.

Dueberry, Vincent LB 6-0 215 Union City, CA
Second-team all-league at Chabot JC.

Dunn, Michael RB 6-0 185 Florissant, MO
Totaled 1,200 yds. in only nine games this past season; also scored 15 TDs.

Ferguson, Reggie WR 5-10 180 Jacksonville, FL
Caught 50 passes for 1,052 yds. and nine TDs at Holmes JC.

Frost, Johnny LB 6-2 225 Opa-Locka, FL
First-team all-state linebacker; senior season totaled 120 tackles and 16 sacks.

Henderson, Chris OT 6-6 301 Lynn Haven, FL
Bench presses 350 pounds; has a wing span of 83 inches.

Kehril, Todd QB 6-4 219 Newport Bch., CA
Completed 256 of 532 att. for 3,415 yds. and 23 TDs in his career.

Kelso, Chris TE 6-3 235 Louisville, KY
Second-team all-state selection.

Knight, Eric DE 6-5 235 Hyattsville, MD
First-team All-Metro D.C.; in '91, totaled seven sacks and 14 tackles for losses.

Madison, Samuel WR-DB 5-11 160 Monticello, FL
All-Big Bend area team.

Majeed, Kaaba' RB-DB 5-11 175 Tallahassee, FL
First-team all-state; rushed for 1,828 yds. in 1991, more than any other back in the state of Florida.

Marks, Daymond LB 6-2 220 Louisville, KY
First-team all-district; third-team all-state.

Patterson, Danny RB 5-11 185 Louisville, KY
Rushed for 1,554 yds. and 18 TDs as a senior.

Payne, Jason QB 6-3 185 Rome, GA
Passed for over 1,800 yds. and 15 TDs last season.

Pollock, Edward DB 6-1 165 Bradenton, FL
Played QB as a senior; runs a 4.5 in the 40.

Standifer, Derek LB 6-2 190 Bartow, FL
First-team all-state; received the 1991 Butkus Award for top defensive player.

Strickland, Rod FB 5-11 210 Newnan, GA
Carried the ball 75 times for 628 yds. as a senior.

Thomas, Troy RB 6-0 210 Riverside, CA
Transferred from Long Beach St.; will have two yrs. of eligibility left.

Trumpy, Brad OL 6-5 310 South Pekin, IL
All-conference; a two-year starter.

Tyson, Jeryl DT 6-4 265 Jacksonville, FL
Totaled 57 tackles as a senior; also recorded six sacks.

Watson, Olante LB 6-1 210 Bowie, MD
First-team All-Metro D.C.; also recorded 85 tackles at linebacker.

Williams, Jermaine OL 6-4 270 Lynwood, CA
Transferred from Long Beach St.; will have three yrs. of eligibility left.

Williams, Nathan RB 5-9 184 Moultrie, GA
All-state; as a senior he rushed for 1,650 yds. and 16 TDs.

MEMPHIS STATE ROSTER

Head Coach: Chuck Stobart

1991 Record: 5–6–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
58	Ackley, Brandt	OT	6–6	235	Fr.	Millington, TN
87	Allison, Joe	K	6–0	185	Jr.	Atlanta, GA
44	Archie, Fred	WR	5–10	175	So.	Mobile, AL
42	Avery, Bobby	DE	6–1	222	Sr.	Gadsden, AL
59	Barto, Danton	LB	6–0	235	Jr.	Niceville, FL
61	Bertling, Rob	DS	6–0	200	So.	Memphis, TN
56	Bolton, Larry	C	6–1	255	Sr.	Mobile, AL
46	Bonner, Dan	LB	6–0	200	Fr.	Oak Park, IL
70	Bookout, Heath	C	6–3	236	Sr.	Pensacola, FL
23	Bosby, Leon	FB	6–2	225	Sr.	Fairhope, AL
4	Bouldin, Gary	TE	6–5	235	Sr.	Crossville, AL
55	Brown, Rod	LB	6–0	229	Jr.	Prattville, AL
88	Buffaloe, Jeff	P	6–0	190	Sr.	Memphis, TN
2	Bush, John	WR	6–1	195	Sr.	Jacksonville, FL
1	Calloway, Dominic	DB	6–1	185	Jr.	Anniston, AL
10	Cody, Mac	WR	5–9	170	So.	St. Louis, MO
7	Cole, Joe	QB	6–2	188	Sr.	Jupiter, FL
14	Collins, Anthony	LB	6–1	205	Sr.	Mobile, AL
83	Copeland, Russell	WR	6–2	190	Jr.	Tupelo, MS
32	Crawford, Xavier	TB	5–11	205	Sr.	Memphis, TN
30	Crutchfield, Lynord	TB	5–7	171	So.	Memphis, TN
45	Davis, Mike	LB	5–11	215	Sr.	Jefferson, GA
47	Diaz, Adam	LB	6–0	202	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
26	Dillard, Barry	DB	5–11	180	So.	McMinnville, TN
27	Edwards, Sam	DB	5–10	180	Sr.	Northridge, CA
89	Elliott, Michael	FL	6–1	198	Sr.	Brandon, MS
24	Fletcher, Frank	TB	5–10	180	Fr.	Rome, GA
63	Garcia, Robbie	OG	6–2	275	Jr.	Tampa, FL
22	Geary, Lance	DB	5–10	175	Jr.	Bakersfield, CA
38	Graham, Chris	DE	6–3	231	Sr.	Mary Esther, FL
74	Green, Mark	OT	6–6	288	So.	Warren, MI
41	Hamlin, Kyle	LB	6–0	233	Jr.	Kallahan, FL
96	Hobbs, Chris	NG	6–1	225	Sr.	Miami, FL
31	Holliday, Marcus	TB	6–0	235	So.	Memphis, TN
94	Howington, Mark	DS	6–0	230	So.	Attalla, AL
91	Ingram, Toby	DE	6–5	205	So.	Lakeland, FL
29	Irvin, Ken	DB	6–0	190	So.	Lindale, GA
18	Isles, Terry	FL	5–9	175	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
99	Jansen, Pat	DT	6–2	254	Sr.	Memphis, TN
80	Johnson, J.J.	FL	5–7	160	Fr.	Irvine, CA
53	Jordan, Kevin	DE	6–3	239	Jr.	Gadsden, AL
43	Kendall, Herbert	DB	5–10	186	Sr.	Lexington, TN
78	King, Charles	DT	6–1	270	Jr.	Okeechobee, FL
64	King, Jeff	OG	6–2	250	Jr.	Hueytown, AL
84	Kirk, Billy	TE	6–3	220	Fr.	Kennesaw, GA
69	Langley, David	C	6–3	246	Sr.	Panama City, FL
35	Linville, Jake	DE	6–0	200	So.	Collinwood, TN
92	Lowery, Rod	DT	6–2	250	Fr.	Trenton, TN
66	Mason, Rod	DT	6–3	245	Fr.	Memphis, TN
68	McGowan, C.C.	OT	6–5	290	Sr.	Venice, CA
17	McWilliams, Andy	P	5–10	185	Jr.	New Johnsonville, TN
6	Michael, Chris	DB	6–1	195	Jr.	Millington, TN
3	Miles, Tahrell	DB	5–9	195	Sr.	Pasadena, CA
73	Miley, Trent	OG	6–3	245	Jr.	Poway, CA
50	Moose, Bob	NG	6–3	250	Jr.	Canoga Park, CA
21	Nelson, Eric	DB	6–3	195	Sr.	Carson, CA
77	Parks, Tony	OT	6–5	263	Jr.	Fayetteville, TN
28	Patterson, Ray	TB	6–1	175	Jr.	Florissant, MO
90	Peschke, Joel	TE	6–5	230	Fr.	Milford, OH
33	Porter, Larry	TB	5–10	190	Jr.	Columbus, GA
25	Robinson, Cliff	TB	5–8	185	Sr.	Sepulveda, CA
15	Robinson, Eric	QB	5–11	190	Jr.	Oceanside, CA
97	Sawyer, Jeff	DE	6–3	215	Sr.	Mobile, AL
67	Semple, Tony	OT	6–6	252	Jr.	Lincoln, IL
34	Singler, Scott	DB	5–10	180	Fr.	Memphis, TN
76	Stanley, Joe	OG	6–4	280	Sr.	Gadsden, AL
48	Whiddon, Brett	DB	6–1	197	So.	Valdosta, GA
49	Wiley, Chris	DB	6–0	185	So.	Memphis, TN
52	Williams, Chad	DS	5–11	220	So.	Seneca, MO
16	Williams, Darrell	QB	6–1	165	Fr.	Memphis, TN
19	Williams, Jeremy	DB	5–9	177	Jr.	Columbus, GA
62	Williams, Stevie	OT	6–1	276	Jr.	Memphis, TN
65	Winkler, Kip	C	6–3	305	Jr.	Huntington Bch., CA

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

QB 7Joe Cole (Sr., 1); Steve Matthews (Jr., 0)
RB **33 Larry Porter (Jr., 2)**; 28 Ray Patterson (Jr., 0)
FB 31 Marcus Holliday (So., 1); **23 Leon Bosby (Sr., 3)**
WR 83 Russell Copeland (Jr., 2); Issac Bruce (Jr., 0)
FL 10 Mac Cody (So., 1); 18 Terry Isles (Sr., 1)
TE **4 Gary Bouldin (Sr., 1)**; Robbie Hubbard (Jr., 0)
ST 67 Tony Semple (Jr., 1); 77 Tony Parks (Jr., 0)
SG **76 Joe Stanley (Sr., 3)**; 73 Trent Miley (Jr., 0)
C **56 Larry Bolton (Sr., 3)**; 65 Kip Winkler (Jr., 0)
QG **64 Jeff King (Jr., 1)**; David Brooks (Jr., 0)
QT **62 Stevie Williams (Jr., 2)**; Robbie Quinn (Jr., 0)
K **87 Joe Allison (Jr., 2)**

DEFENSE

TSB **59 Danton Barto (Jr., 2)**; 41 Kyle Hamlin (Jr., 2)
OSB 14 Anthony Collins (Sr., 3); 45 Mike Davis (Sr., 3)
LT 92 Rod Lowery (Fr., 0); **78 Charles King (Jr., 1)**
NG **96 Chris Hobbs (Sr., 2)**; 50 Bob Moose (Jr., 0)
RT **99 Pat Jansen (Sr., 3)**; 66 Rod Mason (Fr., 0)
TSE **38 Chris Graham (Sr., 3)**; 53 Kevin Jordan (Jr., 2)
OSE **97 Jeff Sawyer (Sr., 2)**; 42 Bobby Avery (Sr., 2)
LCB **1 Dominic Calloway (Jr., 2)**; 22 Lance Geary (Jr., 0)
SS **19 Jeremy Williams (Jr., 2)**; 26 Barry Dillard (So., 1)
FS 22 Eric Nelson (Sr., 1); **6 Chris Michael (Jr., 2)**
RCB **43 Herbert Kendall (Sr., 3)**; 29 Ken Irvin (So., 1)
P **88 Jeff Buffaloe (Sr., 1)**

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TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Joe Cole, 10–30–155–2, 0 TDs
Rushing: Larry Porter, 116 att., 454 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving: John Bush, 25 rec., 420 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: Joe Allison, 6 FGs, 25 XP, 43 points
Punting: Jeff Buffaloe, 50 punts, 42.3 avg.
Kicking: Joe Allison, 6–13 FGs, 25–25 XP
Tackles: Danton Barto, 141, 85 solo
Sacks: Danton Barto, Pat Jansen, Chris Graham, 3
Interceptions: Herbert Kendall, 3 for 46 yds.

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***at Southern Miss***
Sept. 12	***at Louisville***
Sept. 19	***Mississippi State***
Sept. 26	***Arkansas***
Oct. 10	***Cincinnati***
Oct. 17	***Arkansas State***
Oct. 24	***at Tulsa***
Oct. 31	***at Tulane***
Nov. 7	***at Ole Miss***
Nov. 14	***Tennessee***
Nov. 21	***East Carolina***

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Allen, Jesse DB 6–3 195 Memphis, TN
First-team all-district; three interceptions for 178 yds. in '91.

Barnett, Bryan DL 6–2 250 Opelika, AL
Class 6A All-State; as a senior had 73 tackles and 53 assists.

Brooks, David OL 6–5 280 Derby, NY
All-conference at Merced JC.

Bruce, Isaac WR 6–1 160 Ft. Lauderdale, FL
All-conference both years at Santa Monica JC; had 42 catches for 677 yds. and seven TDs in '91.

Chew, Chris OL 6–5 300 Hernando, MS
Commercial Appeal's Best of the Preps; All-Shelby Metro.

Cobb, Kerry LB 6–4 210 Jackson, TN
All-district; leading tackler for defensive unit.

Davis, Clifton III QB 6–1 185 Sardis, MS
USA TODAY Player of the Year in Mississippi; set several national passing records including TDs in a game (10), passing yds. in a career (9,309), and most TD passes in a career (104).

Diaz, Adam LB 6–1 210 New Orleans, LA
All-Mission Conference at Cerritos JC.

Evans, Chuck OL 6–6 275 Altamonte Spgs., FL
All-conference, all-county and all-district as a senior.

Geary, Lance DB 5–11 170 Bakersfield, CA
Junior college All-American by *J.C. Grid Wire*; two-time All-Western States Conference.

Gomez, Daniel OL 6–6 250 Joliet, IL
First-team all-conference; all-area.

Gorcyca, David DL 6–4 225 Chicago, IL
First-team All-South Suburban; Chicagoland Top 100.

Hart, Tim LB 6–3 245 Memphis, TN
All-Class AAA; first-team All-Shelby Metro.

Hubbard, Robert TE 6–6 225 Fresno, CA
All-Northern California at Fresno City JC.

Keefer, Ernest WR 6–0 160 Memphis, TN
Had 43 catches and 7 TDs in '91; Class AAA 2nd team.

Martin, John TB 5–10 170 Homestead, FL
J.C. Grid Wire Magazine first-team All-American; rushed for 1,621 yds. in JC career at Coll. of the Sequoias.

Matthews, Steve QB 6–4 215 Tullahoma, TN
Completed 102 of 216 passes for 1,535 yds. and 12 TDs last season at Harper JC.

Miley, Trent OL 6–3 245 Poway, CA
Helped lead Palomar JC to an 11–1 record.

Moore, Jimmy DL 6–4 250 Hanford, CA
Helped Coll. of the Sequoias to a 3rd place national JC ranking.

Moose, Bob DL 6–3 250 Canoga Park, CA
All-Western Conference at Moorpark JC.

Patterson, Larry TB 5–10 190 Memphis, TN
All-state; All-Shelby Metro; second in Memphis in rushing with 1,596 yds.

Quinn, Robbie OL 6–5 295 San Diego, CA
Honorable mention All-Northern California at Fresno City JC.

Robinson, Eric WR 5–11 190 Oceanside, CA
First-team All-Mission Conference QB in 1990 at Fullerton JC.

Spaulding, Quitman TB 5–11 185 Winchester, TN
First-team All-Mid-State; rushed for 1,104 yds. and eight TDs last season.

Thomas, Marvin LB 6–4 210 Bay Minette, AL
All-district; all-county; led the team with 83 tackles as a senior.

Walker, Charles WR-QB 6–4 194 Vista, CA
Caught 56 passes for 600 yds. in '91 at Palomar JC.

Wilkins, Britton LB 6–4 210 Memphis, TN
All-district; was credited with 84 tackles in '91.

Winkler, Kip OL 6–2 300 Huntington Bch., CA
SuperPrep JUCO Top 100 at Orange Coast JC.

Wise, Myron WR 6–3 180 Vista, CA
Caught 64 passes for 1,075 yds. last season at Palomar JC; has posted 4.25 speed in the 40.

MIAMI ROSTER

Head Coach: Dennis Erickson

1991 Record: 12–0–0
Big East Record: 2–0–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
1	Armstead, Jessie	LB	6–2	218	Sr.	Dallas, TX
60	Barber, Rudy	OG	6–3	285	Jr.	Miami, FL
56	Barrow, Micheal	LB	6–2	230	Sr.	Homestead, FL
49	Bass, Robert	LB	6–2	230	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY
17	Bell, Coleman	TE	6–2	225	Sr.	Tampa, FL
33	Bennett, Donnell	FB	6–2	227	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
46	Bethel, Damon	DE	6–5	252	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA
57	Brinkworth, Kevin	LB	5–10	210	Fr.	Buffalo, NY
69	Budroni, Jason	OG	6–6	284	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA
76	Caesar, Mark	DT	6–2	290	Sr.	Newark, NJ
48	Carey, Marcus	S	6–1	195	Jr.	Riviera Beach, FL
75	Cerda, Candido	OT	6–5	281	Jr.	Miami, FL
83	Clausell, Dietrich	TE	6–2	225	So.	Gulfport, MS
20	Collins, Ryan	QB	6–2	190	Fr.	Pembroke Pines, FL
16	Cooper, Travis	LB	6–3	227	Fr.	Miami, FL
88	Copeland, Horace	WR	6–3	200	Sr.	Orlando, FL
11	Costa, Frank	QB	6–4	214	So.	Philadelphia, PA
72	Cristobal, Mario	OT	6–4	280	Sr.	Miami, FL
24	Dziczkowski, David	K	6–1	195	Sr.	North Palm Beach, FL
61	Eberst, Bruce	LB	6–1	230	Sr.	Miami, FL
82	Etheredge, Carlos	TE	6–5	236	Sr.	Albuquerque, NM
58	Francis, Corwin	LB	6–0	212	So.	LaPorte, TX
51	Greene, Tirrell	C	6–3	292	So.	Pittsburgh, PA
29	Greer, Casey	S	6–1	200	Sr.	Memphis, TN
59	Hardy, Corries	LB	6–3	235	Fr.	Melbourne, FL
40	Harris, Derrick	LB	6–2	230	Fr.	Sugar Land, TX
3	Harris, Jonathan	TB	5–9	165	So.	Houston, TX
6	Harris, Terris	S	6–1	190	Jr.	Memphis, TN
92	Holliman, David	DE	6–5	241	So.	Homestead, FL
94	Johnson, Dwayne	DT	6–5	267	So.	Bethlehem, PA
85	Jones, Chris	WR	6–3	202	So.	West Palm Beach, FL
23	Jones, Larry	FB	6–0	240	So.	Gainesville, FL
93	Jones, Shawn	DT	6–4	260	Fr.	Marrero, LA
87	Kirkeide, Kevin	TE	6–4	230	Sr.	Jacksonville, FL
91	Krein, Darren	DE	6–4	245	Jr.	Aurora, CO
64	Lewis, Anthony	OG	6–5	280	So.	Brockton, MA
74	London, Diego	OT	6–3	296	Sr.	Upper Marlboro, MD
71	Lopez, Kenny	DT	6–3	270	Jr.	Key West, FL
77	Lumelski, Zev	OT	6–7	290	So.	Miami Beach, FL
39	Marley, Rohan	LB	5–8	185	Fr.	Miami, FL
22	Marucci, Jason	FB	6–0	215	Jr.	Youngstown, OH
30	McGuire, Stephen	FB	5–11	215	Sr.	Brooklyn, NY
47	McNeil, Ryan	CB	6–2	188	Sr.	Ft. Pierce, FL
98	Medearis, Rusty	DE	6–3	245	Jr.	Ozark, MO
79	Mitchell, Jessie	OL	6–3	260	Fr.	Key West, FL
75	Owens, Jason	OG	6–3	270	Fr.	Newtown, PA
86	Patrick, Kevin	DE	6–4	245	Jr.	Lake Worth, FL
57	Patterson, Tom	LB-SN	5–10	210	Jr.	Miami, FL
38	Pearson, Malcolm	SS	6–1	202	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
55	Philips, Willie	LB	5–10	210	Fr.	Arcadia, FL
21	Prewitt, Dane	K-P	5–11	192	Fr.	Birmingham, AL
19	Richardson, C.J.	FS	6–1	200	So.	Dallas, TX
43	Riley, Patrick	DT	6–6	267	So.	Marrero, LA
84	Sapp, Warren	DT	6–3	285	Fr.	Apopka, FL
34	Seigler, Dexter	CB	5–9	180	Jr.	Avon Park, FL
68	Shirey, Brad	OG	6–5	270	Jr.	Boca Raton, FL
50	Short, Baraka	DE	6–3	250	So.	Opa-Locka, FL
45	Smith, Darrin	LB	6–1	228	Sr.	Miami, FL
15	Snyder, Paul	P	6–0	201	Sr.	Laguna Niguel, CA
35	Spencer, Darryl	TB	5–9	180	Sr.	Merritt Island, FL
28	Stewart, James	FB	6–3	225	Fr.	Vero Beach, FL
62	Stranahan, Kyle	OT	6–6	275	Jr.	Newtown, PA
66	Symonette, Alan	C	6–3	260	Fr.	Miami, FL
18	Tellison, A.C.	WR	6–4	210	So.	Bay City, TX
36	Thomas, Lamar	WR	6–3	170	Sr.	Gainesville, FL
53	Thompson, Sean	LB	6–2	222	Sr.	Somerdale, NJ
13	Torretta, Gino	QB	6–3	205	Sr.	Pinole, CA
96	Tresvant, Shayon	DL	6–3	265	Fr.	Miami, FL
81	Tucker, Syii	TE	6–6	235	Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK
78	Vickers, Kipp	OT	6–2	265	Sr.	Holiday, FL
4	White, Paul	CB	5–9	185	Jr.	Tampa, FL
5	Williams, Kevin	WR	5–9	185	Jr.	Dallas, TX
32	Wilson, Chad	DB	5–11	180	Jr.	Moreno Valley, CA
65	Woodus, Robert	OG	6–5	275	Fr.	Pine Bluff, AR

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE **88 Horace Copeland (Sr., 3)**; 85 Chris Jones (So., 1)
WT 78 Kipp Vickers (Sr., 3); 75 Candido Cerda (Jr., 0)
WG **60 Rudy Barber (Jr., 2)**; 69 Jason Budroni (Jr., 0)
C 51 Tirrell Greene (So., 1); 66 Alan Symonette (Fr., 0)
SG 68 Brad Shirey (Jr., 2); 75 Jason Owens (Fr., 0)
ST **72 Mario Cristobal (Sr., 3)**; 77 Zev Lumelski (So., 1)
TE **17 Coleman Bell (Sr., 2)**; 82 Carlos Etheredge (Sr., 3)
QB **13 Gino Torretta (Sr., 3)**; 11 Frank Costa (So., 1)
FB **30 Stephen McGuire (Sr., 3)**; 23 Larry Jones (So., 1)
TB **35 Darryl Spencer (Sr., 3)**; 5 Kevin Williams (Jr., 2)
FL **36 Lamar Thomas (Sr., 3)**; 5 Kevin Williams (Jr., 2)
K 21 Dane Prewitt (Fr., 0)

DEFENSE

LE **86 Kevin Patrick (Jr., 2)**; 91 Darren Krein (Jr., 2)
LT 43 Patrick Riley (So., 1); 71 Kenny Lopez (Jr., 2)
RT 76 Mark Caesar (Sr., 3); 84 Warren Sapp (Fr., 0)
RE **98 Rusty Medearis (Jr., 2)**; 46 Damon Bethel (Jr., 2)
SLB **45 Darrin Smith (Sr., 3)**; 49 Robert Bass (Jr., 1)
MLB **56 Micheal Barrow (Sr., 3)**; 61 Bruce Eberst (Sr., 3)
WLB **1 Jessie Armstead (Sr., 3)**; 58 Corwin Francis (So., 1)
CB 34 Dexter Seigler (Jr., 2); 4 Paul White (Jr., 2)
FS 6 Terris Harris (Jr., 2); 19 C.J. Richardson (So., 1)
SS 29 Casey Greer (Sr., 3); 48 Marcus Carey (Jr., 2)
CB **47 Ryan McNeil (Sr., 3)**; 32 Chad Wilson (Jr., 0)
P **15 Paul Snyder (Sr., 2)**

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TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Gino Torretta, 205–371–3095–8, 20 TDs
Rushing: Stephen McGuire, 123 att., 608 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving: Lamar Thomas, 39 rec., 623 yds., 6 TDs
Scoring: Stephen McGuire, 9 TDs, 54 points
Punting: Paul Snyder, 36 punts, 38.4 avg.
Kicking: None
Tackles: Darrin Smith, 126, 68 solo
Sacks: Rusty Medearis, 10
Interceptions: Ryan McNeil, 5 for 73 yds.

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***at Iowa***
Sept. 19	***Florida A&M***
Sept. 26	***Arizona***
Oct. 3	***Florida State***
Oct. 10	***at Penn State***
Oct. 17	***TCU***
Oct. 24	***at Virginia Tech***
Oct. 31	***West Virginia***
Nov. 14	***Temple***
Nov. 21	***at Syracuse***
Nov. 28	***at San Diego State***

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1992 SIGNEES

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Chambers, Jermaine WR 6–2 180 Homestead, FL
First-team all-state; 36 rec. for 738 yds. and nine TDs last season; runs a 4.55 in the 40.

Coley, Antonio DB 6–3 205 Hialeah, FL
Rated the No. 1 safety in the country in the preseason by *SuperPrep* before suffering a broken leg in the second game of his senior season.

Daphnis, Gerard TE 6–3 220 Miami, FL
Had 15 receptions and two TDs in the first four games before offense switched to a running game.

Ferguson, Danyell RB 6–0 195 Miami, FL
First-team 5A All-State; *SuperPrep* All-American; ranked No. 3 in the state by *SuperPrep*; broke the 12-year Dade County rushing record with 1,646 yds. his senior season.

Gibson, Chris DB 6–0 181 Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Second-team All-Broward County; had five interceptions his senior year.

Hallmon, Jack DB 5–10 182 Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Second-team *All-USA TODAY*; rated No. 10 in the state by *SuperPrep*; named to the Florida Super 24 by the *Orlando Sentinel*; recorded 43 tackles and had eight interceptions as a senior.

Hochman, Steven OL 6–4 260 Agoura, CA
First-team all-state; *Los Angeles Daily News* First-team All-Area; 31st ranked player in California by *SuperPrep*; bench presses 400.

Holmes, Kenneth DL 6–4 218 Vero Beach, FL
Florida Today's All-Space Coast Defensive Player of the Year; collected 22 sacks and 103 tackles his senior year.

Ina, J. Bertrand DL 6–4 275 Franklin, LA
First-team all-state; as a senior played OLB and had 40 solo tackles, 30 assists, eight sacks and recovered eight fumbles.

Jones, Aaron DB 5–10 171 Merritt Island, FL
Second-team All-Space Coast by *Florida Today*; recorded 4 interceptions his senior year.

Jones, Carlos DB 5–11 168 Marrero, LA
Parade All-American; was ranked No. 7 in the state of Louisiana by *SuperPrep*; state sprint champion who ran 10.4 in the 100 meters.

Jones, K.C. C 6–3 255 Midland, TX
Associated Press and Texas Sportswriters all-state; second-best center in the country by Max Emfinger; runs a 4.8 in the 40.

McCullum, Darius WR 6–1 185 Gainesville, FL
Second-team Class 5A All-State defensive back; had 14 interceptions the last two seasons; played receiver his junior and senior years.

O'Neal, Ceasar DL 6–8 330 Huntsville, TX
First-team *USA TODAY* All-American; credited with 63 tackles, nine sacks and eight passes broken up his senior year.

Perry, Ricky OL 6–7 320 Miami, FL
First-team All-Dade by the *Miami Herald*; runs a 5.0 in the 40.

Pickett, Booker LB 6–3 205 Zephyrhills, FL
First-team All-Suncoast by the *St. Petersburg Times*; leading tackler on his team; also gained 937 yds. rushing.

Russell, Twan LB 6–2 190 Ft. Lauderdale, FL
First-team All-Broward County; recorded 13 sacks, five fumble recoveries, two interceptions, and three blocked punts while tallying 147 tackles in '91.

Shipman, Alfred WR 5–10 171 West Palm Beach, FL
Palm Beach Post Super 11 selection who averaged 9.7 yds. per carry last season; gained 941 yds. on 102 car. with 11 TDs.

Walsh, Chris QB 6–3 195 St. Paul, MN
Gatorade Circle of Champions National and Associated Press Minnesota Player of the Year; two-time all-state; First-team All-America selection by *USA TODAY, Parade,* and *SuperPrep*; passed for 4,389 yds. for 45 TDs and completed 63% of his passes during his career.

Wimberly, Marcus WR 5–11 187 Memphis, TN
Gained more than 1,200 yds. and scored 16 TDs as a senior; also snagged three interceptions, broke up seven passes, and had 38 tackles as a DB.

NOTRE DAME ROSTER

Head Coach: Lou Holtz

1991 Record: 10–3–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
54	Adams, Leroy	C	6–3	256	Jr.	Wapato, WI
20	Andrzejewski, Mark	SS	5–8	164	So.	South Bend, IN
43	Augeri, John-Paul	CB	5–10	173	Jr.	Newburyport, MA
1	Bakich, Huntley	DE	6–2	203	So.	Carrollton, TX
42	Becton, Lee	TB	6–0	189	So.	Ernul, NC
47	Bercich, Pete	LB	6–1	230	Jr.	Mokena, IL
24	Bergmann, Jon	ILB	6–0	198	Jr.	Walker, MN
6	Bettis, Jerome	FB	6–0	247	Jr.	Detroit, MI
41	Brooks, Reggie	TB	5–8	200	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
95	Bryant, Junior	DT	6–5	263	Sr.	Omaha, NE
9	Burris, Jeff	FS	6–0	194	Jr.	Rock Hill, SC
13	Carter, Tom	CB	5–11	184	Jr.	St. Petersburg, FL
12	Casey, Matt	QB	6–1	188	So.	St. Louis, MO
32	Clark, Willie	TB	5–10	181	Jr.	Wheatland, CA
29	Covington, John	SS	6–2	197	Jr.	Winter Haven, FL
37	Davis, Travis	SS	6–0	188	So.	Carson, CA
87	Dawson, Lake	FL	6–1	202	Jr.	Federal Way, WA
31	DuBose, Demetrius	LB	6–2	234	Sr.	Seattle, WA
7	Failla, Paul	QB	6–2	185	So.	Sewickley, PA
44	Flanigan, Jim	LB	6–2	247	Jr.	Sturgeon Bay, WI
94	Fleurima, Reggie	DT	6–3	262	So.	Evanston, IL
27	Fuentes, David	FB	5–9	198	Jr.	Weslaco, TX
71	Gibson, Herbert	OT	6–5	283	So.	Detroit, MI
56	Gibson, Oliver	DE	6–3	257	Jr.	Romeoville, IL
54	Goheen, Justin	LB	6–2	220	So.	Wexford, PA
27	Graham, Tracy	SS	5–10	187	So.	Chicago, IL
14	Griggs, Ray	FL	6–1	195	Sr.	University Park, IL
19	Guerrera, Jim	QB	6–0	176	Sr.	Sandusky, OH
20	Guillory, Lamar	CB	5–9	190	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
73	Hall, Justin	OT	6–4	297	Sr.	Dallas, TX
78	Halter, Jordan	OT	6–7	296	Sr.	Troy, MI
90	Hamilton, Brian	DT	6–3	263	Jr.	Chicago, IL
28	Hentrich, Craig	K/P	6–1	197	Sr.	Godfrey, IL
52	Holden, Germaine	DE	6–4	240	So.	Anderson, SC
85	Hughes, Robert	TE	6–7	256	Jr.	Syracuse, NY
10	Jarrell, Adrian	FL	6–0	194	Sr.	Athens, GA
8	Johnson, Clint	FL	5–8	179	Jr.	Altamonte Spgs., FL
59	Johnson, Lance	C	6–1	265	Sr.	Charlotte, NC
13	Johnson, Matt	QB	5–11	192	Sr.	Kokomo, IN
81	Jones, Eric	DT	6–5	254	Sr.	Portage, IN
65	Knapp, Lindsay	OT	6–6	271	Sr.	Deerfield, IL
53	Kordas, Jim	OT	6–5	267	So.	Chicago, IL
62	Lacheta, Chet	OG	6–2	279	Sr.	Chicago Heights, IL
17	Lahey, Matt	CB	6–1	165	Sr.	Neenah, WI
33	Lane, Greg	CB	5–9	176	Jr.	Austin, TX
72	Leahy, Ryan	OG	6–4	284	So.	Yakima, WA
22	Leonard, Rob	K	6–1	189	Jr.	Decatur, GA
38	Lozano, Rick	TB	5–10	189	Sr.	Bayard, NM
55	Lytle, Dean	FB	6–3	221	Jr.	Brevard, NC
11	MacDonald, Tom	QB	5–11	175	So.	Chesterfield, MO
57	Mannelly, Bernard	DT	6–4	273	Sr.	Marietta, GA
26	Marsh, Drew	K	6–0	185	Jr.	San Angelo, TX
80	McBride, Oscar	TE	6–5	251	Jr.	Chiefland, FL
45	McDonald, Devon	DE	6–4	241	Sr.	Paterson, NJ
15	McDougal, Kevin	QB	6–2	182	Jr.	Pompano Bch., FL
89	McGill, Karmeeleyah	DE	6–3	224	Sr.	Clearwater, FL
70	McGlinn, Mike	OT	6–6	265	Jr.	Kansas City, MO
34	Meter, Brian	CB	5–7	152	Jr.	Saginaw, MI
83	Miller, Mike	SE	5–7	155	So.	Missouri City, TX
3	Mirer, Rick	QB	6–2	217	Sr.	Goshen, IN
23	Moore, LaRon	SE	5–9	173	So.	Indianapolis, IN
58	Nau, Jeremy	LB	6–4	226	So.	Hammond, IN
66	Norman, Todd	OG	6–6	289	Jr.	Huntington Bch., CA
16	Parenti, Chris	QB	5–11	193	Jr.	Hinsdale, IL
18	Pendergast, Kevin	K	5–10	160	Sr.	Simsbury, CT
49	Peterson, Anthony	LB	6–0	217	Jr.	Monongahela, PA
82	Pollard, William	SE	6–5	220	Sr.	Fort Knox, KY
14	Pope, Stephen	FS	6–3	199	Jr.	Chehalis, WA
98	Profit, J.T.	DT	6–1	269	Jr.	Atlanta, GA
46	Ratigan, Brian	LB	6–4	226	Sr.	Council Bluffs, IA
68	Riney, Jeff	C	6–5	254	So.	Sterling, IL
39	Robinson, Marvin	CB	5–8	176	Jr.	Tampa, FL
61	Ruddy, Tim	C	6–3	278	Jr.	Dunmore, PA
2	Saddler, LeShane	SS	5–11	193	Jr.	Waterloo, IA
36	Sample, Jeremy	FB	5–11	213	So.	Woodridge, IL
91	Sauget, Rich	TE	6–4	218	So.	Sauget, IL
84	Smith, Irv	TE	6–4	246	Sr.	Browns Mills, NJ
30	Smith, Nick	DE	6–2	219	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
24	Stafford, Charles	SE	5–10	176	So.	Bartlett, IL
50	Stec, Greg	DT	6–2	236	So.	La Grange, IL
77	Stoker, Todd	DT	6–3	282	Sr.	Fairview, NJ
19	Swenson, Mark	FL	5–8	152	Jr.	San Antonio, TX
92	Taliaferro, John	DT	6–4	226	So.	Riva, MD
75	Taylor, Aaron	OG	6–4	294	Jr.	Concord, CA
51	Tyner, Stuart	OG	6–4	273	Sr.	Tomball, TX
22	Wooden, Shawn	CB	5–10	177	So.	Willow Grove, PA
97	Young, Bryant	DT	6–3	271	Jr.	Chicago Heights, IL
79	Young, Tyler	DT	6–4	251	So.	Bethlehem, PA
67	Zataveski, Mark	OG	6–6	282	So.	Roslyn, PA
34	Zellars, Ray	FB	5–11	203	So.	Pittsburgh, PA

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE **87 Lake Dawson (Jr., 2)**; 8 Clint Johnson (Jr., 1)
LT **65 Lindsay Knapp (Sr., 2)**; 70 Mike McGlinn (Jr., 0)
LG **75 Aaron Taylor (Jr., 2)**; 67 Mark Zataveski (So., 0)
C 61 Tim Ruddy (Jr., 1); 59 Lance Johnson (Sr., 2)
RG 66 Todd Norman (Jr., 1); 51 Stuart Tyner (Sr., 0)
RT **73 Justin Hall (Sr., 3)**; 78 Jordan Halter (Sr., 1)
TE 84 Irv Smith (Sr., 3); 80 Oscar McBride (Jr., 1)
FL 14 Ray Griggs (Sr., 3); 83 Mike Miller (So., 0)
QB **3 Rick Mirer (Sr., 3)**; 15 Kevin McDougal (Jr., 0)
FB **6 Jerome Bettis (Jr., 2)**; 34 Ray Zellars (So., 0)
TB 41 Reggie Brooks (Sr., 2); 32 Willie Clark (Jr., 2)
K **28 Craig Hentrich (Sr., 3)**

DEFENSE

LE **89 Karmeeleyah McGill (Sr., 2)**; 1 Huntley Bakich (So., 1)
LT **95 Junior Bryant (Sr., 3)**; 57 Bernard Mannelly (Sr., 0)
MG **97 Bryant Young (Jr., 2)**; 79 Tyler Young (So., 0)
RT **81 Eric Jones (Sr., 3)**; 92 John Taliaferro (So., 1)
RE **45 Devon McDonald (Sr., 3)**; 56 Oliver Gibson (Jr., 1)
MLB **47 Pete Bercich (Jr., 2)**; 49 Anthony Peterson (Jr., 2)
WLB **31 Demetrius DuBose (Sr., 3)**; 54 Justin Goheen (So., 1)
CB **13 Tom Carter (Jr., 2)**; 23 LaRon Moore (So., 0)
CB 33 Greg Lane (Jr., 2); 39 Marvin Robinson (Jr., 1)
SS **29 John Covington (Jr., 2)**; 2 LeShane Saddler (Jr., 1)
FS **9 Jeff Burris (Jr., 2)**; 37 Travis Davis (So., 0)
P **28 Craig Hentrich (Sr., 3)**

BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Rick Mirer, 132–234–2117–10, 18 TDs
Rushing: Jerome Bettis, 168 att., 972 yds., 16 TDs
Receiving: Lake Dawson, 24 rec., 433 yds., 1 TD
Scoring: Jerome Bettis, 20 TDs, 120 points
Punting: Craig Hentrich, 23 punts, 42.9 avg.
Kicking: Craig Hentrich, 5–8 FGs, 48–48 XP
Tackles: Demetrius DuBose, 127, 76 solo
Sacks: Bryant Young, 4
Interceptions: Tom Carter, 5 for 79 yds., 1 TD

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***at Northwestern***
Sept. 12	***Michigan***
Sept. 19	***at Michigan State***
Sept. 26	***Purdue***
Oct. 3	***Stanford***
Oct. 10	***at Pittsburgh***
Oct. 24	***BYU***
Oct. 31	***at Navy***
Nov. 7	***Boston College***
Nov. 14	***Penn State***
Nov. 28	***at Southern Cal***

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1992 SIGNEES

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Akers, Jeremy DL 6–6 258 Washington, DC
Honorable mention pick on *USA TODAY* prep All-America team; as a senior made 97 tackles, 14 sacks, five fumble recoveries and caused four fumbles.

Babey, Joe LB 6–3 220 Louisville, KY
All-state; listed No. 13 among ILBs nationally by Max Emfinger; led team in tackles with 150.

Chryplewicz, Pete TE 6–5 235 Sterling Hts., MI
All-state as senior; rated as top prospect in Michigan and No. 3 overall on *Detroit Free-Press* Best of the Midwest team; rated No. 4 nationally among TEs by Max Emfinger; caught 41 passes for 606 yds. and three TDs.

Foos, Ben DL 6–4 220 Louisville, KY
First-team all-state; rated No. 26 among prospects in Southeast by Tom Lemming; totaled 83 tackles, seven sacks, five caused fumbles and four fumble recoveries as senior in '91.

Grasmanis, Paul DL 6–3 255 Jenison, MI
Rated No. 5 prospect in Michigan by *Detroit Free-Press*; credited with 80 tackles and eight sacks in '91.

Jones, Anthony DE 6–5 249 Robbins, IL
First-team *USA TODAY* and *Parade* All-American; ranked as No. 2 prospect on *Detroit Free-Press* Best of the Midwest team; rated one of top 15 DL nationally by *Chicago Sun-Times*; a prep All-American by Tom Lemming and Max Emfinger.

Kane, Adam OL 6–5 245 Osceola, IN
All-state; rated 85 percent on blocking assignments and did not permit a sack as senior.

Knight, Thomas OLB 6–4 228 Memphis, TN
Two-time all-state; named city Player of the Year in Memphis; second-team *USA TODAY* All-American; made 158 tackles, 23 sacks and caused four fumbles as senior.

Lyell, Will OL 6–5 245 Brandon, MS
Two-time all-state; first-team pick on *USA TODAY* All-America team.

Magee, Brian DB 5–11 195 Largo, FL
Second-team *USA TODAY* All-American; listed as No. 22 prospect in Southeast by Tom Lemming; rated No. 4 FS nationally by Max Emfinger.

Malden, Alton OLB 6–3 225 Dallas, TX
Ranked No. 3 nationally among DE prospects by Max Emfinger; recorded 90 tackles and 13 sacks as a senior.

Mayes, Derrick WR 6–2 190 Indianapolis, IN
Rated top prospect on *Detroit Free-Press* Best of the Midwest team; caught 43 passes for 736 yds. and four TDs as senior; has 4.4 speed.

McCullough, Mike DL 6–3 265 Chaska, MN
First-team *Parade* All-American; All-Midwest Defensive Player of the Year by Tom Lemming; totaled 150 tackles, five pass deflections and two ints. as senior MLB.

Misetic, Steve OL 6–5 270 Skokie, IL
First-team pick on *Chicago Tribune* Illinois All-State team; rated among top 45 prospects in Midwest by Tom Lemming.

Quist, David DL 6–5 235 Boulder, CO
Two-time all-state DT; all-city both DT and OG; totaled 147 tackles and 13 sacks.

Smith, Wade QB 6–4 180 Garland, TX
Passed for 3,200 yds. and 35 TDs as starter his junior and senior seasons.

Stroud, Cliff DL 6–4 250 Tarentum, PA
First-team all-state; honorable mention pick on *USA TODAY* prep All-America team; listed No. 21 nationally among DTs by Max Emfinger.

Taylor, Bobby DB 6–4 190 Longview, TX
First-team *USA TODAY* and *Parade* All-American; All-Southwest Defensive Player of the Year by Tom Lemming; rated top FS prospect in the country by Max Emfinger.

Wagasy, Bill LB 6–1 235 Springfield, MO
First-team all-state; recorded 145 tackles and two ints. as senior in '91.

Wallace, Leon TE 6–5 245 Bedford, TX
Rated No. 6 prospect in Southwest by Tom Lemming; one of top six TEs nationally by *Chicago Sun-Times*; caught 68 career passes for 935 yds. and 12 TDs.

Wynn, Renaldo OLB 6–3 222 Chicago, IL
Second-team pick on *Chicago Tribune* All-State team; rated No. 20 Midwest prospect by Tom Lemming.

Zeigler, Dusty OL 6–5 235 Rincon, GA
First-team pick on *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* Georgia AAAA All-State team; an honorable mention pick on *USA TODAY* prep All-America team.

SOUTHERN MISS ROSTER

Head Coach: Jeff Bower

1991 Record: 4–7–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
	Adams, Deke	OLB	6–2	223	So.	Meridian, MS
76	Anderson, Leon	G	6–5	280	Sr.	Grapeland, TX
	Arnold, Preston	TE	6–4	245	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA
	Barney, Tyrone	RB	5–8	190	So.	Hattiesburg, MS
73	Beeching, Todd	T	6–8	310	Jr.	Stockbridge, GA
	Bertelsen, Craig	K	5–10	172	Fr.	Aberdeen, MS
	Blakely, Ryan	WR	5–11	178	So.	Whistler, AL
83	Bowling, Don	TE	6–3	225	Sr.	Town Creek, AL
65	Brannon, Donell	T	6–4	305	Sr.	Florence, AL
	Broughton, Jerry	WR	6–2	189	Jr.	Branson, MO
66	Brown, John	DT	6–3	278	Sr.	Clarksdale, MS
	Brown, Trevor	CB	5–11	176	So.	Newton, NJ
	Carter, Demetrius	DT	6–4	280	Jr.	Waycross, GA
19	Carter, Perry	CB	6–1	190	Jr.	McComb, MS
	Clark, Brett	K	6–1	218	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL
60	Colbert, Clevon	DE	6–2	240	Jr.	Columbus, GA
34	Collins, Vernard	CB	5–11	175	Jr.	Sumrall, MS
39	Crawford, Ramone	ILB	6–2	226	So.	Meridian, MS
	Crosby, Stacy	TE	6–5	215	So.	Madison, MS
	Dorsey, James	DL	6–3	265	So.	Luling, LA
96	Elder, Reggie	DT	6–4	259	Jr.	Carrollton, GA
	Estes, Eric	P	6–0	205	So.	Northport, AL
13	Gamble, Shaun	RB	6–0	180	So.	Sweet Water, AL
	Gardner, David	WR	5–8	165	Fr.	Woodstock, GA
1	Gordon, Anthony	WR	5–10	190	Jr.	Meridian, MS
	Green, Ray	DB	5–9	190	Jr.	Bassfield, MS
89	Hamilton, Bobby	DT	6–5	265	Jr.	Columbia, MS
	Hannie, John	FS	6–0	175	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
22	Harmon, Eugene	LB	6–0	215	Fr.	Kosciusko, MS
	Harper, Scott	TE	6–2	228	So.	Lawrenceville, GA
41	Harris, Jerry	LB	6–3	210	Fr.	Baxley, GA
18	Hervey, Derrick	DB	5–9	180	Fr.	Water Valley, MS
	Inagawa, Jamie	K	5–10	182	So.	Hardee, FL
61	Iosia, Mike	TE	6–2	225	Jr.	Oakland Park, FL
	Jackson, Kevin	DT	6–2	250	Jr.	Magee, MS
97	Johnson, Aubrey	DE	6–3	235	Jr.	Newnan, GA
	Johnson, Leslie	DE	6–2	205	Jr.	Stonewall, MS
63	Jones, Coty	G	6–6	260	So.	Brierfield, AL
	Jones, Ronald	RB	5–9	185	So.	Birmingham, AL
80	Kennedy, Adam	WR	6–2	190	Fr.	Panama City, FL
	Latson, Steve	DT	6–4	260	So.	Jesup, GA
	Leverette, Andrew	DB	6–0	195	So.	Americus, GA
92	Loescher, Keith	LB	6–0	235	Sr.	Lynn Haven, FL
33	McDaniel, Damon	FB	6–1	225	Jr.	Biloxi, MS
	McDay, Willie	DT	6–4	260	Jr.	Newnan, GA
	McGee, Howard	FB	6–2	205	So.	Hattiesburg, MS
26	McKinney, Myreon	RB	5–11	185	Fr.	Tuscaloosa, AL
58	McPherson, Jamie	DT	6–4	250	So.	Grand Saline, TX
35	McRae, Albert	LB	6–1	218	Fr.	Mableton, GA
74	McReynolds, George	G	6–2	260	Sr.	Miami, FL
	Miller, Eric	LB	6–0	220	So.	N. Umberland, VA
47	Monroe, Matt	LB	6–3	205	Sr.	Sanford, NC
87	Montgomery, Mark	WR	6–1	180	So.	Picayune, MS
69	Moorer, Carey	T	6–4	266	Jr.	Vestavia, AL
20	Nations, Lance	K	5–8	170	Sr.	Tampa, FL
31	Nelson, Dwayne	FB	6–0	228	Sr.	Hattiesburg, MS
	Nelson, Troy	C	6–3	258	So.	Pensacola, FL
7	Niblett, Josh	QB	6–2	208	So.	Demopolis, AL
	Nicholas, Chris	T	6–6	300	Jr.	Laurel, MS
45	Nix, Tyrone	LB	6–2	230	Jr.	Attalla, AL
52	Novak, Jeff	C	6–3	265	Jr.	Fayette, AL
88	Owens, Anthony	TE	6–3	237	Jr.	Auburn, AL
	Parker, Vincent	WR	5–9	175	Fr.	New Orleans, LA
85	Pope, Marcus	TE	6–3	250	Sr.	Hattiesburg, MS
5	Rankins, LaBarion	S	5–11	174	So.	Mobile, AL
32	Ratcliff, Melvin	DB	5–11	185	Fr.	Hattiesburg, MS
54	Ray, Kenny	C	6–3	265	So.	Irondale, AL
	Reddix, Chris	WR	6–0	180	Fr.	Biloxi, MS
82	Reed, Greg	WR	6–2	189	Sr.	Gulfport, MS
	Roberts, Chris	G	6–5	283	Jr.	Meridian, MS
98	Robinson, James	DT	6–3	240	Fr.	Mobile, AL
	Shaw, Robert	T	6–6	310	Sr.	Columbus, GA
	Shoemake, Billy	DB	6–1	194	Sr.	Collins, MS
	Simpson, Charriere	LB	5–10	240	Jr.	Bessemer, AL
90	Singleton, James	DE	6–3	215	Sr.	Wilmer, AL
14	Sizemore, Stacey	DB	6–1	208	Sr.	Vicksburg, MS
51	Smith, Darian	T	6–3	278	Jr.	Natchez, MS
43	Smith, Stacy	FB	6–1	218	Sr.	McComb, MS
94	Tobias, Michael	DT	6–3	275	So.	Jefferson, LA
	Toles, Chris	DB	6–0	176	Fr.	Taylor, MS
2	Ulmer, Terryl	DB	5–10	180	Jr.	Laurel, MS
	Vaughn, Blake	L	6–0	265	Jr.	Livingston, AL
8	Waters, Tommy	QB	6–1	210	So.	Meridian, MS
	Watterson, Gerald	LB	6–4	230	Jr.	Baton Rouge, LA
	Webster, Lonnie	FB	5–9	195	Fr.	Pensacola, FL
3	Welch, Michael	RB	5–10	207	Sr.	Douglasville, GA
70	White, Joe	T	6–7	305	Jr.	Ellenwood, GA
46	White, Richard	DE	6–2	191	Sr.	Enterprise, MS
	Williams, Travis	RB	5–8	197	Fr.	Terrytown, LA
11	Wright, Tim	DB	6–1	180	Jr.	Meridian, MS

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE 1 Anthony Gordon (Jr., 1); 87 Mark Montgomery (So., 1)
TE **85 Marcus Pope (Sr., 2)**; 88 Anthony Owens (Jr., 1)
LT 69 Carey Moorer (Jr., 2); 70 Joe White (Jr., 0)
LG 74 George McReynolds (Sr., 3); 63 Coty Jones (So., 0)
C 54 Kenny Ray (So., 0); 52 Jeff Novak (Jr., 0)
RG 65 Donell Brannon (Sr., 2); 51 Darian Smith (Jr., 0)
RT 76 Leon Anderson (Sr., 3); 73 Todd Beeching (Jr., 0)
FL **82 Greg Reed (Sr., 3)**; 80 Adam Kennedy (Fr., 0)
QB **8 Tommy Waters (So., 1)**; 7 Josh Niblett (So., 0)
FB 31 Dwayne Nelson (Sr., 3); 43 Stacy Smith (Sr., 1)
TB 3 Michael Welch (Sr., 2); 26 Myreon McKinney (Fr., 0)
PK 20 Lance Nations (Sr., 1)

DEFENSE

DE **90 James Singleton (Sr., 3)**; 98 James Robinson (Fr., 0)
DT 96 Reggie Elder (Jr., 1); 58 Jamie McPherson (So., 0)
DT 66 John Brown (Sr., 2); 94 Michael Tobias (So., 1)
DE 89 Bobby Hamilton (Jr., 2); 97 Aubrey Johnson (Jr., 2)
OLB 35 Albert McRae (Fr., 0); 39 Ramone Crawford (So., 0)
MLB 45 Tyrone Nix (Jr., 2); 92 Keith Loescher (Sr., 3)
OLB 22 Eugene Harmon (Fr., 0); 41 Jerry Harris (Fr., 0)
LC 2 Terryl Ulmer (Jr., 0); 34 Vernard Collins (Jr., 2)
FS 13 Shaun Gamble (So., 1); 19 Perry Carter (Jr., 2)
SS 11 Tim Wright (Jr., 1); 32 Melvin Ratcliff (Fr., 0)
RC 5 LaBarion Rankins (So., 1); 18 Derrick Hervey (Fr., 0)
P Eric Estes (So., 0)

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TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Tommy Waters, 135–250–1563–8, 6 TDs
Rushing: Michael Welch, 91 att., 308 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving: Greg Reed, 23 rec., 434 yds., 2 TDs
Scoring: Michael Welch, 9 TDs, 54 points
Punting: None
Kicking: Lance Nations, 4–8 FGs, 21–23 XP
Tackles: James Singleton, 56, 38 solo
Sacks: James Singleton, 6
Interceptions: Perry Carter, 2 for 27 yards

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***Memphis State***
Sept. 12	***at Alabama***
Sept. 19	***Louisiana Tech***
Sept. 26	***at Auburn***
Oct. 3	***Tulsa***
Oct. 10	***at Northern Illinois***
Oct. 15	***at Tulane***
Oct. 24	***Cincinnati***
Oct. 29	***at East Carolina***
Nov. 7	***at Florida***
Nov. 14	***at Virginia Tech***

Information provided by Regiel Napier, Sports Information Director.

1992 SIGNEES

Barlow, Jason LB 6–3 220 Savannah, GA
First-team all-city; finished with 54 tackles and two sacks in '91.

Boyd, Barry RB 5–10 190 Waycross, GA
Rushed for 1,600 yds. last season at Ft. Scott C.C.

Brock, Fred WR-DB 5–10 175 Montgomery, AL
Completed 52–98 passes for 640 yds. and four TDs as QB in '91.

Brown, Eric FB 6–1 235 Petal, MS
Ran for 870 yds. and 12 TDs during his senior season; MVP in Division 6A.

Burns, Bryan LB 6–4 230 Birmingham, AL
First-team all-metro.

Byrd, Brent LB 6–2 218 Enterprise, AL
Honorable mention all-state; as a senior he finished with 90 tackles.

Dempsey, Alvin RB-DB 5–11 180 Panama City, FL
Rushed for 1,009 yds. and 15 TDs as a senior.

Favre, Jeff QB-DB 6–0 185 Pass Christian, MS
Completed 47–97 passes for 937 yds. and seven TDs in '91.

Gowdy, Lonzell QB-DB 6–0 205 Tuscaloosa, AL
Alabama Class 6A Player of the Year; passed for 2,000 yds. and ran for 1,500 yds. in '91.

Gulley, Letorrance DB 5–11 185 Bay Minette, AL
Had seven ints. as a senior; all-county and all-area.

Hightower, Aaron QB 6–3 215 Opp, AL
Threw for 1,072 yds. and 11 TDs in '91.

Jackson, Kevin DT 6–2 250 Magee, MS
A standout player at Co-Lin C.C.; No. 17 JUCO in the state by the *Clarion Ledger*.

Jackson, Quentin DT 6–4 250 Pensacola, FL
Voted the Pensacola area top DL.

Johnson, Tra-Ronta DB 5–10 187 Leaksville, MS
Clarion Ledger Top 40.

Lomoro, Johnny K 5–8 155 Midfield, AL
Was 44–48 XP and 22–35 FGs during his career.

Metevia, Tim L 6–6 295 Port Allen, LA
All-district; played both OT and DT.

Noda, Alex QB 6–1 200 Live Oak, FL
Completed 60 of 132 attempts for 1,400 yds. and nine TDs in '91.

Norton, Larry TE 6–2 235 Dothan, AL
An excellent blocker with good speed.

Ollison, Rod C-LB 6–3 240 Greenville, AL
Birmingham News' first-team all-state Class 5A.

Safford, Marvin RB 5–9 165 Citronelle, AL
Second-team all-state; totaled 2,500 yds. worth of offense in '91.

Sharp, Brian L 6–4 315 Covington, LA
Possibly the top power lifter in the state of Louisiana; benches 430 lbs. and squats 700.

Stabler, Roy DB 6–3 200 Jackson, AL
Suffered a fractured wrist during the first game of his senior year, missing most of the regular season.

Symmes, Will L 6–2 245 Gulfport, MS
First-team all-state.

Thaxton, Bobby QB 6–1 187 Picayune, MS
Mississippi Academic Player of the Year; threw for 1,562 yds. and 13 TDs as a senior; *Clarion Ledger's* Top 40.

Walthaw, Cedric L 6–1 215 McCalla, AL
First-team all-state, all-metro and super metro.

Watterson, Gerald LB 6–4 226 Baton Rouge, LA
Had over 80 tackles at Gulf Coast C.C. in '91; played in the Miss. JUCO All-Star game.

Watson, Jermaine LB 6–3 205 Hattiesburg, MS
Named to the *Hattiesburg American* All-Area team; averaged 12 tackles per game.

Williams, Kendrick WR 6–2 180 Gretna, LA
Was an option QB in '91; scored 20 TDs, eight which came on runs of 50 or more yds.

SW LOUISIANA ROSTER

Head Coach: Nelson Stokley

1991 Record: 2–8–1

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
	Alexander, Patrice	LB	6–0	262	So.	Galveston, TX
73	Andrus, Chad	OG	6–2	254	Jr.	Lafayette, LA
92	Atkins, James	DT	6–6	299	Sr.	Amite, LA
13	Baggett, Randy	P	5–11	182	Sr.	Crowley, LA
	Baker, Donnell	WR	6–0	181	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA
	Baker, Greg	OLB	6–3	207	Fr.	Destrehan, LA
	Barr, Joe	WR	5–8	166	So.	Tampa, FL
	Benefield, Isaac	TB	5–10	181	So.	Galveston, TX
	Blackman, Brad	C	6–1	286	Jr.	Kilgore, TX
	Brabham, Casey	OLB	6–2	195	Fr.	Kingwood, TX
7	Butler, Wayde	WR	6–0	180	Sr.	Beaumont, TX
79	Champagne, Kirk	OT	6–7	290	Sr.	Franklin, LA
	Chiasson, Steve	DT	6–4	250	So.	La Puente, CA
26	Collins, Donald	CB	5–9	186	Sr.	Gray, LA
19	Crawford, Ray	WR	5–9	163	Sr.	Detroit, MI
69	Cruse, Matt	OG	6–3	262	Jr.	Lafayette, LA
6	Cunningham, Richie	K	5–10	165	Sr.	Houma, LA
	Daniels, Rod	TE	6–1	210	Sr.	Plaquemine, LA
33	Denaburg, Damon	TB	5–10	197	Sr.	Gretna, LA
	Eschete, Paul	S	5–9	182	Fr.	Lafitte, LA
94	Fisher, Mizell	WR	5–10	180	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
	Francis, Harold	W	5–10	208	Fr.	Lafayette, LA
90	Francois, Jonas	OLB	6–2	232	Jr.	St. Martinville, LA
44	Francois, Reginald	W	6–0	208	Sr.	Amite, LA
3	Freeman, James	QB	6–2	221	Sr.	Ville Platte, LA
24	Gasaway, Keddric	LB	6–0	225	Jr.	Sulphur, LA
	Gilmore, Lerodric	S	5–10	189	Fr.	Baker, LA
	Gisclair, Corey	OG	6–3	279	Fr.	Cut Off, LA
81	Golden, Hunter	LB	6–1	220	Jr.	Lafayette, LA
	Grice, Jason	OLB	6–1	195	So.	Galveston, TX
43	Guidry, Rocky	S	6–1	190	Jr.	Breaux Bridge, LA
45	Guidry, Todd	LB	6–0	204	Jr.	Marrero, LA
57	Gunner, Ronald	OT	6–3	304	So.	Franklin, LA
40	Harris, John	S	5–10	186	So.	Ferriday, LA
	Hayes, Reggie	QB	5–8	173	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
12	Hayes, Tyjuan	QB	5–10	180	Jr.	Jonesboro, LA
	Heinen, Sam	OT	6–5	271	Fr.	Eunice, LA
	Jeffs, Brad	OG	6–1	265	Jr.	Arcadia, LA
	Johnson, Kerwin	CB	5–10	155	So.	Napoleonville, LA
	Joseph, Chad	QB	5–11	170	Fr.	New Roads, LA
50	Kramer, Kasey	LB	6–0	214	So.	New Iberia, LA
	Laxey, Greg	TB	5–8	186	Jr.	Carencro, LA
49	LeBlanc, Marc	OLB	6–3	208	Jr.	Titusville, FL
	Lemming, Harry	OG	6–2	261	Jr.	Bastrop, TX
70	Lewis, Conrad	NG	6–0	249	Jr.	Edgard, LA
	MacGloster, Marino	NG	5–9	245	So.	Columbia, SC
	Matthews, Mike	LB	6–0	212	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA
	McClay, Loronzo	CB	5–8	168	Fr.	Napoleonville, LA
96	McDonald, Chris	NG	6–3	240	Jr.	Katy, TX
	Mitchell, Jeffery	OLB	6–1	227	So.	Loreauville, LA
20	Mocek, Steve	TB	5–10	195	So.	Lafayette, LA
88	Moncla, Buck	TE	6–2	259	Jr.	Lafayette, LA
39	Nash, Harold	CB	5–8	180	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
	Ortemond, David	P	5–10	207	Fr.	Abbeville, LA
	Plasencia, Gilberto	OT	6–5	284	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
41	Pool, Charles	LB	5–11	209	Jr.	Morgan City, LA
	Reeves, Chad	W	6–3	224	Fr.	Lake Charles, LA
10	Roberts, Craig	CB	5–9	183	Jr.	Breaux Bridge, LA
91	Robinson, John	DT	6–5	264	Jr.	Port Arthur, TX
38	Ross, Terrance	LB	6–0	246	Sr.	Houma, LA
	Sansalone, Brian	OT	6–4	255	Fr.	Slidell, LA
14	Schilling, Scott	S	5–10	176	So.	Lafayette, LA
	Sensley, Tim	CB	5–9	162	Fr.	Ethel, LA
	Shafer, Mike	K	5–10	176	Fr.	Raceland, LA
	Sharlow, Ronald	CB	5–10	180	Fr.	Lafayette, LA
36	Sims, William	OLB	6–3	253	Sr.	Quitman, GA
21	Tauriac, Troy	WR	5–10	180	Sr.	New Iberia, LA
	Thibodeaux, Sherard	DT	6–3	310	So.	St. Martinville, LA
5	Thomas, Fernando	S	6–0	185	So.	Shreveport, LA
	Thomas, Leon	DT	6–2	253	Fr.	Freeport, TX
42	Thomas, Orlanda	S	6–2	201	So.	Crowley, LA
	Thomas, Ron	WR	5–11	165	Fr.	Eunice, LA
34	Thomas, Todd	W	5–10	223	So.	Houma, LA
	Vaughn, Jeff	C	6–0	290	Fr.	New Orleans, LA
55	Waguespack, Robby	C	6–1	254	Jr.	Thibodaux, LA
46	Ward, Elton	LB	6–0	233	So.	Hahnville, LA
97	Washington, Terry	DT	6–3	246	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
	Watkins, Jody	P	5–11	209	Jr.	Cecilia, LA
	Weathers, Ray	TB	5–8	193	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA
	Wilkes, Craig	OLB	6–3	230	So.	Houston, TX
	Williams, Bryan	CB	5–10	178	Jr.	Tampa, FL
89	Williams, Donnell	WR	5–9	167	So.	Tampa, FL
2	Williams, Tori	WR	6–0	191	So.	Shreveport, LA
	Wismann, Eddie	DB	5–7	160	Fr.	Lafayette, LA
4	Wolfe, John	CB	6–0	193	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
	Wolfe, Robert	W	6–0	185	So.	Houma, LA
	Woods, Terrance	TB	6–0	191	So.	Gray, LA
66	Yarbro, Brett	OT	6–4	258	So.	Beaumont, TX

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

WR Ron Thomas (Fr., 0); 21 Troy Tauriac (Sr., 1)
WR **7 Wayde Butler (Sr., 3)**; 2 Tori Williams (So., 1)
TE **88 Buck Moncla (Jr., 2)**; Rod Daniels (Sr., 0)
LT Gilberto Plasencia (So., 0); 79 Kirk Champagne (Sr., 1)
LG 69 Matt Cruse (Jr., 2); 73 Chad Andrus (Jr., 2)
C Brad Blackman (Jr., 0); 55 Robby Waguespack (Jr., 2)
RG **66 Brett Yarbro (So., 1)**; Harry Lemming (Jr., 0)
RT 57 Ronald Gunner (So., 0); Sam Heinen (Fr., 0)
QB **12 Tyjuan Hayes (Jr., 2)**; Reggie Hayes (So., 1)
W **44 Reginald Francois (Sr., 2)**; 34 Todd Thomas (So., 1)
TB Greg Laxey (Jr., 1); **20 Steve Mocek (So., 1)**
K **6 Richie Cunningham (Sr., 3)**

DEFENSE

OLB 90 Jonas Francois (Jr., 2); 49 Marc LeBlanc (Jr., 2)
LT **92 James Atkins (Sr., 3)**; Leon Thomas (Fr., 0)
NG 70 Conrad Lewis (Jr., 1); 96 Chris McDonald (Jr., 0)
RT **91 John Robinson (Jr., 2)**; 97 Terry Washington (Sr., 2)
OLB **36 William Sims (Sr., 3)**; Jeffery Mitchell (So., 0)
LB **41 Charles Pool (Jr., 1)**; 24 Keddric Gasaway (Jr., 1)
LB **38 Terrance Ross (Sr., 2)**; 46 Elton Ward (So., 1)
LCB 26 Donald Collins (Sr., 3); 4 John Wolfe (Sr., 3)
LS Lerodric Gilmore (Fr., 0); 40 John Harris (So., 1)
RS **42 Orlanda Thomas (So., 1)**; Tim Sensley (Fr., 0)
RCB **39 Harold Nash (Sr., 2)**; **10 Craig Roberts (Jr., 1)**
P **13 Randy Baggett (Sr., 1)**

BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Tyjuan Hayes, 36–84–502–3, 3 TDs
Rushing: Tyjuan Hayes, 119 att., 445 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving: Wayde Butler, 38 rec., 491 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: Richie Cunningham, 5 FGs, 16 XP, 31 points
Punting: Randy Baggett, 63 punts, 38.1 avg.
Kicking: Richie Cunningham, 5–10 FGs, 16–17 XP
Tackles: Terrance Ross, 97, 48 solo
Sacks: James Atkins, 3
Interceptions: Harold Nash, 3 for 3 yards

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***at Tennessee***
Sept. 12	***NE Louisiana***
Sept. 19	***at San Jose State***
Sept. 26	***Western Kentucky***
Oct. 3	***at Houston***
Oct. 10	***at Louisiana Tech***
Oct. 17	***Cal State-Fullerton***
Oct. 24	***at Auburn***
Oct. 31	***at Tulsa***
Nov. 7	***Northern Illinois***
Nov. 21	***Arkansas State***

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1992 SIGNEES

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Andrews, Dwayne LB 6–2 215 Baton Rouge, LA
First-team All-District; recorded 50 solo tackles and 26 assists as a senior.

Besetsnzy, Chris DL 6–5 285 Corsicana, TX
Transfer from Navarro JC.

Brennan, Pat DE 6–1 220 New Iberia, LA
Class AA honorable mention all-state; First-team District 8-AA selection on both offense and defense.

Chapman, Kevin OL 6–2 250 Hahnville, LA
AAAA All-State honorable mention; first-team all-district.

Cotton, Kenyon RB 6–2 230 Minden, LA
Rushed for 992 yds. and 13 TDs in '91.

DiPace, Danny QB 6–1 185 Palm City, FL
Passed for 3,025 yds. in final two prep years along with 27 TDs.

Ernst, Blaise DL 6–3 240 Covington, LA
Recorded 65 total tackles and five sacks in '91; first-team all-district.

Holmes, Jamie RB 5–10 190 Lafayette, LA
Rushed for 1,314 yds. and 10 scores as a senior.

Jackson, Brian DB 6–2 180 Shreveport, LA
First-team all-metro.

Jackson, Britt DB 5–9 170 Hammond, LA
All-State; first-team all-district.

Mason, Damon DB 5–10 165 Baton Rouge, LA
New Orleans All-Metro.

Mayweather, Derrick RB 6–0 210 Baton Rouge, LA
Second-team all-district.

Mayweather, Garrick TE 6–2 225 Baton Rouge, LA
First-team all-district.

McGrath, Ryan TE 6–6 240 Baton Rouge, LA
All-Conference at Pasadena C.C.

Paul, Don OL 6–3 275 Pasadena, CA
All-Conference at Pasadena C.C.

Pennington, James OLB 6–2 220 Mesa, AZ
All-Western States Football League at Mesa C.C.; recorded 22 tackles and two sacks in '91.

Richard, Donald WR 6–1 185 Kaplan, LA
Rushed for 1,015 yds. and nine scores as a senior.

Sauviac, Jason OLB 6–2 230 Luling, LA
First-team all-state; led squad in tackles with 140 as a senior.

Scott, Toussaint LB 6–0 215 New Orleans, LA
Honorable mention New Orleans All-Metro; all-district.

Stewart, Loule WR 6–0 180 Houston, TX
All-Greater Houston area; unanimous all-district; had over 800 yds. receiving as a senior.

Strother, Darren WR 6–1 170 Lafayette, LA
Class AAA All-State; had career-high 70 catches as a senior for 1,147 yds. and 15 TDs.

Sylvester, Clifton DL 6–2 275 Breaux Bridge, LA
all-state; all-district.

TULANE ROSTER

Head Coach: Buddy Teevens

1991 Record: 1–10–0

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
65	Abramowicz, Andy	OG	6-1	265	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
25	Anderson, Cedric	CB	5-11	176	Fr.	Clinton, LA
4	Aylsworth, Bob	QB	5-11	180	Fr.	Irving, TX
31	Ballard, Steve	WR	5-9	178	Sr.	Metairie, LA
54	Batiste, Michael	DE	6-3	277	Jr.	Beaumont, TX
29	Bloom, Todd	RB	5-8	180	Fr.	Arlington, TX
73	Bodine, Robert	OG	6-2	280	Jr.	Hazleton, PA
5	Broadnax, Corey	WR	6-3	205	So.	Dallas, TX
77	Bruce, Erik	OT	6-3	248	So.	Cut Off, LA
3	Butler, Gary	PK	5-6	148	Sr.	Pearl, MS
78	Byrd, Brant	OT	6-3	255	Jr.	Alexandria, LA
67	Cesario, Richard	OT	6-4	269	Jr.	Richardson, TX
14	Clark, Chip	P	5-10	181	Jr.	Leesville, LA
68	Davis, Reggie	NG	6-0	291	Jr.	Shreveport, LA
40	Dean, Jeff	LB	6-1	201	So.	Richardson, TX
64	Deaton, Ryan	OG	6-0	258	Fr.	Lufkin, TX
28	Dennis, Harold	RB	5-11	204	Sr.	St. James, LA
94	Dove, Michael	DE	6-4	242	Jr.	Conroe, TX
32	Ducre, Brad	RB	5-9	209	So.	Lacombe, LA
10	Duncan, Billy	QB	6-0	194	Jr.	Kenner, LA
21	Fagan, Shawn	RB	5-10	202	Jr.	Jonesville, LA
74	Fillmore, Eric	OG	6-2	300	Sr.	Provo, UT
36	Flye, Steven	S	5-7	179	So.	Houston, TX
71	Freshwater, Ken	C	6-3	257	Jr.	Ft. Walton Bch., FL
75	Gill, Roger	DT	6-3	243	Fr.	Reserve, LA
23	Gilmore, Wilbert	CB	5-11	187	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
34	Hamilton, Brandon	CB	5-9	174	Jr.	Baton Rouge, LA
44	Hamilton, Ruffin	LB	6-1	203	Jr.	Zachary, LA
18	Harris, Keith	RB	5-11	186	Fr.	Pensacola, FL
88	Harvey, Beau	TE	6-2	238	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
56	Hignight, Brad	LB	6-3	209	Fr.	Biloxi, MS
50	Jackson, Jesse	LB	6-1	222	Sr.	Ft. Worth, TX
22	Johnson, Jesse	CB	5-9	164	So.	Dallas, TX
30	Kenrick, Alex	PK	6-4	189	Fr.	Pittsburgh, PA
57	Krummrich, Seth	LB	6-2	229	So.	Rockwall, TX
76	Lacassin, Travis	DT	6-1	246	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
46	Laiche, Ray	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	La Place, LA
53	Mack, Reggie	DT	6-1	287	Sr.	Shreveport, LA
59	Madden, Andy	LB	5-10	186	So.	Picayune, MS
96	Martinez, Mark	LB	6-2	232	Sr.	Metairie, LA
11	McDowell, Rod	CB	5-11	180	Sr.	Riviera Bch., FL
58	McGowan, Darren	DE	6-5	254	Sr.	Merritt Island, FL
16	Meadows, Shawn	QB	6-4	210	Jr.	Garden City, KS
49	Milano, Marc	DE	6-3	237	So.	New Orleans, LA
27	Miller, Chance	RB	5-9	195	Sr.	Metairie, LA
70	Mukamai, Adam	OG	6-0	253	Fr.	Irving, TX
9	Parms, Willie	CB	5-8	188	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
51	Pavone, Kevin	C	6-1	261	Fr.	New Orleans, LA
60	Perrodin, Jean Paul	DS	5-11	230	So.	Abbeville, LA
24	Perry, Joey	RB	5-10	190	So.	Richardson, TX
37	Persicketti, Todd	LB	6-0	185	So.	Satellite Bch., FL
87	Porter, Bryan	LB	6-0	209	So.	Lufkin, TX
26	Powers, Jay	CB	6-0	165	Fr.	Westlake, LA
60	Rogers, Jason	LB	5-9	223	So.	Decatur, GA
63	Salmon, Wesley	OT	6-3	236	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA
84	Sanchez, Scott	TE	6-3	228	So.	Gulf Breeze, FL
95	Sapia, Chris	DE	6-2	238	So.	Harvey, LA
85	Schuler, Steve	TE	6-5	220	Fr.	Houston, TX
98	Smartt, Michael	LB	6-1	210	So.	Richardson, TX
80	Smith, Kevin	DT	6-0	244	So.	Mandeville, LA
7	Smith, Willie	CB	5-8	187	Jr.	Mobile, AL
82	Snyder, Rodney	PK	6-1	182	Jr.	Miami, FL
15	Staid, Mike	S	6-2	194	So.	Baton Rouge, LA
6	Strickland, Terrance	RB	5-8	194	Sr.	Shreveport, LA
41	Thomas, Cedric	S	6-2	175	So.	Shreveport, LA
8	Thomas, Ryan	WR	6-0	185	Fr.	Winter Park, FL
33	Thornhill, Mark	S	5-11	199	Sr.	Pensacola, FL
43	Tingley, Kevin	TE	6-1	210	So.	Richardson, TX
61	Tinsley, Mitch	C	6-2	260	Jr.	Gulfport, MS
86	Turner, Keino	WR	6-3	191	So.	Dallas, TX
2	Ursin, Jerry	WR	6-1	200	Sr.	Lutcher, LA
1	Ursin, Wilbert	WR	6-1	177	Jr.	Lutcher, LA
45	Vela, Marcos	LB	6-3	220	So.	Manvel, TX
13	Watts, Tracey	QB	6-4	210	Fr.	Pass Christian, MS
42	Welborn, Joe	QB	5-8	172	Fr.	New Orleans, LA
47	Wiegand, Shane	LB	6-1	230	Jr.	La Porte, TX
17	Young, Jay	WR	5-9	195	So.	Pensacola, FL

1992 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN

Brockmeier, Cyril OL 6-8 275 **Punta Gorda, FL**
First-team All-Southwest Florida; made 55 tackles in '91.

Burke, Monte LB 6-3 230 **New Roads, LA**
Two-time all-state.

Cagle, Coby OL 6-2 245 **Ft. Worth, TX**
First-team All-District 7-5A.

Carlisle, Will OL 6-5 245 **McComb, MS**
Second-team all-state.

Conger, Tom OL 6-6 282 **Grand Blanc, MI**
First-team all-league and honorable mention all-state.

Cook, Keith LB 6-4 226 **Oakwood, GA**
Honorable mention All-America by *SuperPrep*; totaled 130 tackles in only eight games as a senior.

Cunane, Kevin TE-LB 6-4 220 **Gloucester, NJ**
All-state and All-South Jersey; had 27 rec. for 534 yds. and seven TDs as a senior.

Dodd, Chris OL 6-6 275 **Pine Bush, NY**
First-team all-state.

Gonzales, Ryan OL 6-5 260 **Chicago, IL**
All-Central Suburban League; *Chicago Sun-Times'* Top 100.

Hirstius, Jason RB 6-0 185 **New Orleans, LA**
All-District 10-5A; rushed for 923 yds. and 13 TDs in '91.

Hubert, John RB 5-9 175 **Lake Charles, LA**
All-state; All-District 4-4A; rushed for 1,217 yds. and nine TDs as a senior.

Jackson, Don DB 6-4 215 **Marrero, LA**
All-District 10-5A; as a senior had six ints. and 50 tackles.

Jackson, Thomas DL 6-3 245 **Baton Rouge, LA**
All-District 7-4A; All-East Baton Rouge Parish.

Jacobs, Tony WR 5-11 180 **Pass Christian, MS**
Had 10 rec. for 442 yds. in '91.

Lasseigne, Dan TE 6-3 225 **Lafayette, LA**
Caught 27 passes for 362 yds. and nine TDs as a senior.

Liggon, Jeff RB 5-9 180 **Middle Island, NY**
All-league; rushed for 1,106 yds. and 12 TDs in '91.

Locker, Joel DL 6-3 240 **Slidell, LA**
All-district and all-parish.

Meadows, Shawn QB 6-4 210 **Garden City, KS**
Passed for 1,900 yds. and 17 TDs in '91 at Fort Scott C.C.

Meisner, Russ C 6-4 240 **Oveido, FL**
All-county; all-conference; all-district.

Metzger, Danny OL 6-5 270 **Ocean Side, NY**
All-Long Island; All-Metro New York.

Porter, Wade LB 6-1 210 **Oswego, IL**
All-conference and all-area; set school record with 168 tackles as a senior.

Prosper, Thaddeus DL 6-6 250 **New Orleans, LA**
Max Emfinger Southwest Blue Chip.

Quick, Robbie K 6-0 160 **Punta Gorda, FL**
First-team All-Southwest Florida; made 21 of 26 FGs and 32 of 36 XP during career.

Sadowski, Mark RB-DB 6-1 190 **Chicago, IL**
First-team all-conference.

Sowell, Jerald QB-LB 6-2 217 **Baker, LA**
All-state; MVP of District 5-5A.

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

LT 77 Erik Bruce (So., 1); 79 Steve Schuler (Fr., 0)
LG 74 Eric Fillmore (Sr., 1); 63 Wesley Salmon (Fr., 0)
C **61 Mitch Tinsley (Jr., 1)**; 65 Andy Abramowicz (Jr., 1)
RG 73 Robert Bodine (Jr., 1); 71 Ken Freshwater (Jr., 1)
RT **78 Brant Byrd (Jr., 1)**; 67 Richard Cesario (Jr., 0)
TE 84 Scott Sanchez (So., 1); 43 Kevin Tingley (So., 1)
QB **10 Billy Duncan (Jr., 2)**; 16 Shawn Meadows (Jr., 0)
FB **27 Chance Miller (Sr., 3)**; 32 Brad Ducre (So., 1)
TB 28 Harold Dennis (Sr., 3); 24 Joey Perry (So., 1)
WR **31 Steve Ballard (Sr., 2)**; 5 Corey Broadnax (So., 1)
WR **2 Jerry Ursin (Sr., 3)**; 86 Keino Turner (So., 0)
K **3 Gary Butler (Sr., 3)**

DEFENSE

OLB **58 Darren McGowan (Sr., 3)**; 96 Mark Martinez (Sr., 1)
LT **54 Michael Batiste (Jr., 2)**; 94 Michael Dove (Jr., 1)
NG 68 Reggie Davis (Jr., 1); 76 Travis Lacassin (So., 1)
RT 53 Reggie Mack (Sr., 2); 49 Marc Milano (So., 1)
OLB **40 Jeff Dean (So., 1)**; 98 Michael Smartt (So., 1)
ILB 47 Shane Wiegand (Jr., 2); 50 Jesse Jackson (Sr., 1)
ILB 56 Brad Hignight (Fr., 0); 90 Ray Laiche (Fr., 0)
LCB **11 Rod McDowell (Sr., 3)**; 25 Cedric Anderson (Fr., 0)
RCB 34 Brandon Hamilton (Jr., 2); 22 Jesse Johnson (So., 0)
SS **33 Mark Thornhill (Sr., 3)**; 23 Wilbert Gilmore (Jr., 2)
FS **15 Mike Staid (So., 1)**; 41 Cedric Thomas (So., 1)
P **14 Chip Clark (Jr., 2)**

BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

TOP RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Billy Duncan, 92–203–1065–4, 4 TDs
Rushing: Chance Miller, 163 att., 580 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving: Jerry Ursin, 70 rec., 969 yds., 9 TDs
Scoring: Jerry Ursin, 9 TDs, 54 points
Punting: Chip Clark, 59 punts, 40.0 avg.
Kicking: Gary Butler, 7–14 FGs, 15–15 XP
Tackles: Mike Staid, 108, 67 solo
Sacks: Darren McGowan, 4
Interceptions: Mike Staid, 3 for 17 yards

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	***at SMU***
Sept. 12	***at Ole Miss***
Sept. 19	***at Iowa State***
Sept. 26	***Nevada***
Oct. 10	***Alabama***
Oct. 15	***Southern Miss***
Oct. 24	***Boston College***
Oct. 31	***Memphis State***
Nov. 7	***at Navy***
Nov. 14	***at Florida State***
Nov. 21	***at LSU***

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MAJOR COLLEGE COACHING CHANGES

School	Head Coach	Former Head Coach
Utah St.	Charlie Weatherbie (Arkansas asst.)	Chuck Shelton
New Mexico	Dennis Franchione (SW Texas St. h.c.)	Mike Sheppard
Tulane	Buddy Teevens (Dartmouth h.c.)	Greg Davis
Minnesota	Jim Wacker (TCU h.c.)	John Gutekunst
Northwestern	Gary Barnett (Colorado asst.)	Francis Peay
Arizona St.	Bruce Snyder (California h.c.)	Larry Marmie
Texas	John Mackovic (Illinois h.c.)	David McWilliams
Maryland	Mark Duffner (Holy Cross h.c.)	Joe Krivak
Illinois	Lou Tepper (Illinois asst.)	John Mackovic
TCU	Pat Sullivan (Auburn asst.)	Jim Wacker
Georgia Tech	Bill Lewis (East Carolina h.c.)	Bobby Ross
California	Keith Gilbertson (Washington asst.)	Bruce Snyder
East Carolina	Steve Logan (East Carolina asst.)	Bill Lewis
Stanford	Bill Walsh (S.F. 49ers h.c.)	Dennis Green
Pacific	Chuck Shelton (Utah St. h.c.)	Walt Harris
San Jose St.	Ron Turner (Stanford asst.)	Terry Shea

DIVISION I-A 1991 SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Player

Rushing and Passing	Player, Team (opponent, date)	Total
Rushing, passing plays:	David Klingler, Houston (Texas Tech, Nov. 30)	80
Rushing, passing yards:	Ty Detmer, BYU (San Diego St., Nov. 16)	603
Rushing plays:	Tony Sands, Kansas (Missouri, Nov. 23)	58*
Net rushing yards:	Tony Sands, Kansas (Missouri, Nov. 23)	396†
Passes attempted:	David Klingler, Houston (Texas Tech, Nov. 30)	70
Passes completed:	David Klingler, Houston (Texas Tech, Nov. 30)	41
Passing yards:	Ty Detmer, BYU (San Diego St., Nov. 16)	599

Receiving and returns

Passes caught:	Aaron Turner, Pacific, (New Mexico St., Oct. 26); Fred Gilbert, Houston [Miami Sept. 12]	16
Receiving yards:	Greg Primus, Colorado St. (Hawaii, Sept. 28)	256
Punt return yards:	Kevin Williams, Miami (Penn St., Oct. 12)	152
Kickoff return yards:	Charles Levy, Arizona (Ohio St., Sept. 7)	180

*NCAA I-A record (Old record: 57, Kent Kitzmann, Minnesota 1977)
†NCAA all-divisions record (Old record: 386, Marshall Faulk, San Diego St. 1991)

Team

	Team (opponent, date)	Total
Net rushing yards:	Nebraska (Utah St., Sept. 7)	617
Passing yards:	Houston (Louisiana Tech, Aug. 31)	630
Rushing and passing yards:	Nebraska (Utah St., Sept. 7)	787
Fewest rush-pass yards allowed:	Iowa (Wisconsin, Oct. 12)	82
Passes attempted:	Houston (Texas Tech, Nov. 30)	70
Passes completed:	Houston (Louisiana Tech, Aug. 31)	43
Points scored:	Fresno St. (New Mexico, Oct. 5)	94

BOWLS
1991-92 SCORES

FEDERAL EXPRESS ORANGE	Miami 22, Nebraska 0
USF&G SUGAR	Notre Dame 39, Florida 28
ROSE	Washington 34, Michigan 14
FIESTA	Penn State 42, Tennessee 17
MOBIL COTTON	Florida State 10, Texas A&M 2
FLORIDA CITRUS	California 37, Clemson 13
HALL OF FAME	Syracuse 24, Ohio State 17
PEACH	East Carolina 37, North Carolina State 34
DOMINO'S COPPER	Indiana 24, Baylor 0
JOHN HANCOCK	UCLA 6, Illinois 3
FREEDOM	Tulsa 28, San Diego State 17
HOLIDAY	Brigham Young 13, Iowa 13
GATOR	Oklahoma 48, Virginia 14
LIBERTY	Air Force 38, Mississippi State 15
INDEPENDENCE	Georgia 24, Arkansas 15
BLOCKBUSTER	Alabama 30, Colorado 25
EAGLE ALOHA	Georgia Tech 18, Stanford 17
CALIFORNIA RAISIN	Bowling Green 28, Fresno State 21

GAME HIGHS

Individual

Yards rushing	Ron Jackson, Tulsa (Freedom)	46–211
Yards passing	Jeff Blake, East Carolina (Peach)	31–51–3 INT–4 TD–378
Most touchdowns	Ron Jackson, Tulsa (Freedom)	4
Touchdowns passing	Jeff Blake, East Carolina (Peach)	4
	Tony Sacca, Penn State (Fiesta)	4
Total offense	Shane Matthews, Florida (USF&G Sugar)	397
Longest field goal	Carlos Huerta, Miami (Federal Express Orange)	54
Most field goals	Arden Czewzewski, Florida (USF&G Sugar)	5*
Longest run	Brian Treggs, California (Florida Citrus), punt return	72
Longest pass play	Darian Hagan-Michael Westbrook, Colorado (Blockbuster)	62

Team

Yards rushing	Air Force (Liberty)	318
Yards passing	East Carolina (Peach)	378
Total offense	Oklahoma (Gator)	618
Total plays	Florida (USF&G Sugar)	91 #
Rushing defense	Alabama (Blockbuster)	–11
Passing defense	Mississippi State (Liberty)	10@
Total defense	Miami (Federal Express Orange)	171
Points	Oklahoma (Gator)	48
Attendance	Rose	103,566

* Ties all-bowls record
Average number of plays for each team in all bowl games: 72
@ Air Force threw two passes and completed one.

1992-93 SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Kickoff	Site
Dec. 18	Las Vegas	8:00	Las Vegas, NV
Dec. 25	Jeep Eagle Aloha	3:30	Honolulu, HI
TBA	California	TBA	Fresno, CA
TBA	Copper	8:00	Tucson, AZ
Dec. 30	Thrifty Car Rental Holiday	7:30	San Diego, CA
Dec. 30	Gator	8:00	Jacksonville, FL
Dec. 30	Freedom	9:00	Anaheim, CA
Dec. 31	Poulan/Weed Eater Independence	1:00	Shreveport, LA
Dec. 31	John Hancock	2:30	El Paso, TX
Dec. 31	Liberty	7:00	Memphis, TN
Jan. 1	Hall of Fame	1:00	Tampa, FL
Jan. 1	Blockbuster	1:30	Miami, FL
Jan. 1	Florida Citrus	1:30	Orlando, FL
Jan. 1	Mobil Cotton	1:30	Dallas, TX
Jan. 1	Fiesta	4:30	Tempe, A
Jan. 1	Rose	5:00	Pasadena, C
Jan. 1	Federal Express Orange	8:00	Miami,
Jan. 1	USF&G Sugar	8:30	New Orleans
Jan. 2	Peach	8:00	Atlanta

SEC 1991 REVIEW

STANDINGS

	Conference						Overall								
Team	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	Home	Road	Neu.
Florida	7	0	0	1.000	226	74	10	2	0	.833	389	191	6–0	2–1	2–1
Alabama	6	1	0	.857	128	101	11	1	0	.917	324	143	6–0	4–1	1–0
Tennessee	5	2	0	.714	190	136	9	3	0	.750	352	263	6–0	3–2	0–1
Georgia	4	3	0	.571	192	163	9	3	0	.750	336	219	6–0	2–2	1–1
Mississippi State	4	3	0	.571	145	119	7	5	0	.583	291	194	5–1	2–2	0–2
LSU	3	4	0	.429	116	157	5	6	0	.455	248	263	2–4	3–2	0–0
Vanderbilt	3	4	0	.429	127	192	5	6	0	.455	205	267	3–2	2–4	0–0
Auburn	2	5	0	.286	128	170	5	6	0	.455	233	214	3–4	2–2	0–0
Ole Miss	1	6	0	.143	148	189	5	6	0	.455	242	223	2–3	3–3	0–0
Kentucky	0	7	0	.000	113	212	3	8	0	.273	190	268	3–3	0–5	0–0

TEAM STATISTICS

RUSHING OFFENSE

	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Alabama	11	557	2772	5.0	24	252.0
Vanderbilt	11	611	2597	4.3	19	236.1
Mississippi State	11	529	2589	4.9	24	235.4
Tennessee	11	512	2332	4.6	20	212.0
Georgia	11	442	1863	4.2	25	169.4
Auburn	11	442	1856	4.2	16	168.7
Florida	11	397	1635	4.1	13	148.6
Ole Miss	11	427	1534	3.6	17	139.5
Kentucky	11	426	1423	3.3	13	129.4
LSU	11	396	1414	3.6	10	128.6

PASSING OFFENSE

	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	YPG
Florida	11	390	235	19	60.2	3393	32	308.5
Tennessee	11	366	231	15	63.1	2813	16	255.7
Georgia	11	355	190	4	53.5	2428	12	220.7
LSU	11	315	174	13	55.2	2147	14	195.2
Ole Miss	11	272	140	12	51.5	2099	11	190.8
Kentucky	11	312	176	11	56.4	2017	9	183.4
Auburn	11	325	160	14	49.2	1950	8	177.3
Mississippi State	11	180	100	10	55.6	1511	10	137.4
Alabama	11	172	101	7	58.7	1508	7	137.1
Vanderbilt	11	149	74	12	49.7	1127	5	102.5

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Pls.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Tennessee	11	878	5145	5.9	39	467.7
Florida	11	787	5028	6.4	47	457.1
Georgia	11	797	4291	5.4	38	390.1
Alabama	11	729	4280	5.9	37	389.1
Mississippi State	11	709	4100	5.8	36	372.7
Auburn	11	767	3806	5.0	27	346.0
Vanderbilt	11	760	3724	4.9	25	338.6
Ole Miss	11	699	3633	5.2	29	330.3
LSU	11	711	3561	5.0	30	323.7
Kentucky	11	738	3440	4.7	22	312.7

RUSHING DEFENSE

	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Florida	11	398	1103	2.8	7	100.3
Mississippi State	11	464	1423	3.1	6	129.4
Alabama	11	425	1452	3.4	4	132.0
Tennessee	11	435	1527	3.5	14	138.8
Auburn	11	512	1711	3.3	19	155.6
Georgia	11	460	1841	4.0	12	167.4
Ole Miss	11	525	2217	4.2	17	201.6
Vanderbilt	11	450	2325	5.2	18	211.4
LSU	11	548	2447	4.5	21	222.5
Kentucky	11	510	2485	4.9	17	226.9

PASSING DEFENSE

	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	YPG
Tennessee	11	244	119	13	48.8	1627	10	147.9
Vanderbilt	11	247	137	8	55.5	1729	10	157.2
Ole Miss	11	274	148	8	54.0	1771	6	161.0
LSU	11	241	125	11	51.9	1782	12	162.0
Alabama	11	289	136	20	47.1	1851	9	168.3
Auburn	11	264	136	14	51.5	1868	6	169.8
Georgia	11	291	152	11	52.2	1871	12	170.1
Mississippi State	11	329	163	14	49.5	2091	10	190.1
Florida	11	343	180	14	52.5	2280	9	207.3
Kentucky	11	279	165	11	59.1	2346	16	213.3

TOTAL DEFENSE

	G	Pls.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Tennessee	11	679	3154	4.7	28	286.7
Alabama	11	714	3303	4.6	13	300.3
Florida	11	741	3383	4.6	17	307.6
Mississippi State	11	793	3514	4.4	17	319.5
Auburn	11	776	3579	4.6	26	325.4
Georgia	11	751	3712	4.9	24	337.5
Ole Miss	11	799	3988	5.0	25	362.6
Vanderbilt	11	697	4054	5.8	32	368.6
LSU	11	789	4229	5.4	34	384.5
Kentucky	11	789	4831	6.1	34	439.2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

Player and School	Cl.	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Cmp. Pct.	Yds.	TD	Rating Points
Shane Matthews, Florida	Jr.	11	361	218	18	60.4	3130	28	148.8
William Robinson, Miss. St.	Jr.	9	141	77	7	54.6	1167	8	132.9
Andy Kelly, Tennessee	Sr.	11	361	228	15	63.2	2759	15	132.8
Chad Loup, LSU	So.	10	174	102	8	58.6	1181	9	123.5
Eric Zeier, Georgia	Fr.	11	286	159	4	55.6	1984	7	119.2
Jesse Daigle, LSU	So.	11	119	61	5	51.3	879	5	118.8
Pookie Jones, Kentucky	Fr.	9	138	81	4	58.7	954	3	118.1
Brad Smith, Kentucky	Jr.	9	94	53	4	56.4	561	3	108.5
Russ Shows, Ole Miss	Jr.	10	198	99	9	50.0	1369	4	105.7
Stan White, Auburn	So.	11	317	158	14	49.8	1927	8	100.4

RECEIVING

Player and School	Cl.	G	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	CTPG
Todd Kinchen, LSU	Sr.	11	53	855	16.1	5	4.8
Willie Jackson, Florida	So.	11	51	725	14.2	10	4.6
Carl Pickens, Tennessee	Jr.	11	49	877	17.9	5	4.5
Andre Hastings, Georgia	So.	11	48	693	14.4	5	4.4
Neal Clark, Kentucky	Sr.	11	47	647	13.8	3	4.3
Errict Rhett, Florida	So.	11	40	361	9.0	0	3.6
Arthur Marshall, Georgia	Sr.	11	39	524	13.4	1	3.6
Craig Faulkner, Tennessee	So.	11	35	509	14.5	1	3.2
J.J. McCleskey, Tennessee	Jr.	11	35	391	11.2	0	3.2
Harrison Houston, Florida	So.	11	33	618	18.7	8	3.0

PUNTING

Player and School	Cl.	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Dayne Edge, Florida	Fr.	11	46	1991	43.3
David Lawrence, Vanderbilt	Jr.	11	54	2308	42.7
Richard Chisolm, Ole Miss	Jr.	11	21	885	42.1
Tim Hutton, Tennessee	Fr.	11	32	1341	41.9
Scot Armstrong, Georgia	So.	10	40	1676	41.9
Hawk, Kentucky	Sr.	11	54	2255	41.8
Dan Griffith, LSU	Sr.	11	53	2177	41.1
Mark Williamson, Alabama	Sr.	11	50	2005	40.1
Joe Riley, Mississippi St.	Sr.	11	42	1660	39.5
Jerry George, Auburn	So.	11	60	2226	37.1

RUSHING

Player and School	Cl.	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Errict Rhett, Florida	So.	11	224	1109	5.0	10	100.8
Corey Harris, Vanderbilt	Sr.	11	229	1103	4.8	4	100.3
Garrison Hearst, Georgia	So.	11	153	968	6.3	9	88.0
Siran Stacy, Alabama	Sr.	11	200	966	4.8	10	87.8
James Stewart, Tennessee	Fr.	11	190	939	4.9	8	85.4
Aaron Hayden, Tennessee	Fr.	10	145	704	4.9	7	70.4
Larry Ware, Georgia	Sr.	11	115	680	5.9	4	61.8
William Robinson, Miss. St.	Jr.	9	154	543	3.5	5	60.3
Joe Frazier, Auburn	Fr.	11	140	651	4.7	4	59.2
Marcus Wilson, Vanderbilt	Jr.	9	144	496	3.4	11	55.1

SCORING

Player and School	Cl.	G	TD	XP	FG	Pts.	PTPG
Marcus Wilson, Vanderbilt	Jr.	9	11	1	0	68	7.6
Arden Czyzewski, Florida	Sr.	11	0	44	11	77	7.0
Marvin Courtney, Ole Miss	So.	11	11	1	0	68	6.2
Pedro Suarez, LSU	Jr.	10	0	20	13	59	5.9
Brian Lee, Ole Miss	Jr.	11	0	25	13	64	5.8
Jim Von Wyl, Auburn	Sr.	11	0	17	15	62	5.6
Willie Jackson, Florida	So.	11	10	0	0	60	5.5
Siran Stacy, Alabama	Sr.	11	10	0	0	60	5.5
Chris Gardner, Mississippi St.	Jr.	11	0	33	9	60	5.5
Errict Rhett, Florida	So.	11	10	0	0	60	5.5

FIELD GOALS

Player and School	Cl.	G	FG	Att.	Pct.	FGPG
Jim Von Wyl, Auburn	Sr.	11	15	26	57.7	1.4
Pedro Suarez, LSU	Jr.	10	13	19	68.4	1.3
Brian Lee, Ole Miss	Jr.	11	13	19	68.4	1.2
Jeff Owen, Vanderbilt	Sr.	11	11	14	78.5	1.0
Arden Czyzewski, Florida	Sr.	11	11	18	61.1	1.0
Doug Pelfrey, Kentucky	Jr.	11	10	14	71.4	0.9
Chris Gardner, Mississippi St.	Jr.	11	9	14	64.3	0.8
Matt Wethington, Alabama	So.	11	7	12	58.3	0.6
Todd Peterson, Georgia	Jr.	11	3	8	37.5	0.3



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